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THE Leicester records included in this volume fall into two groups sharply divided by a period of some 75 years which is bare of information where the earlier and the later years are full. From 1380 to 1455 there is but one dated record of borough legislation. From 1380 to 1465 all records of the proceedings of the Merchant Gild are lost. After 1380 the stream of mayoral accounts ceases and the chamberlains' accounts, which should have supplied their place, are lost. When the machine of government is seen at work again after this long interval, some change had already taken place and greater changes were immediately to follow. It will be my object in this introduction to trace out the transitional process. There are changes also to note in the relations of the borough to the King, and to its lord, and the grouping adopted in the introduction to the first volume may be conveniently repeated here.

I. *The King and the Borough.* As was to be expected from its peculiar position as part of the earldom, later of the duchy, of

Lancaster, Leicester has no fine sequence of royal charters to shew for the mediæval period. It looked for its franchises to its immediate lord. Accordingly we find the reign of Edward III. bare of any record which could be included in a volume of royal borough charters; we have only the charter changing the date of the fair at the lord's request; royal letters patent to those responsible for gathering the county's levy of armed men, or letters reducing the assessment of Leicester on a particular occasion; also a royal order to the Mayor and bailiffs to deliver hostages. The first royal charter since the days of Henry III. is Richard II.'s inspection of John's charter confirming the Borough Court's power to act as a court of record for the conveyance of lands (p. 185). The presence of this solitary record is accounted for by the fact that the king had made an offer to confirm the borough charters in return for the fitting out of a war-vessel, and so the borough-officers sent in, it would seem, the only royal charter which was still of value to them. Richard's confirmation was perhaps of no great value, but as it was offered in return for what the borough must in any case give, it was worth having. A more characteristic document from Richard II., and, as it proved, of even less value, was his receipt for a big loan. With the accession of Henry IV. there came a great change in the position of Leicester. Its immediate lord had become King, and the town's relation to the sovereign is therefore two-sided; it is sometimes a public, sometimes a private relation. It was long before the possibility of using the double relation was wholly laid aside, and it is worth noting how uncertain it was in the fifteenth century whether the King would address the borough as its King or as its feudal lord.

It was as Duke (p. 222) that Henry IV. leased the farm of the borough to the burgesses; but as King, Henry V. issued a pardon to them in wide terms, and as King he pronounced the men of his honour of Leicester free from toll (pp. 228—9). On Henry V.'s death, the lordship and the sovereignty were again for a time divided, for Leicester was settled on Queen Catherine at her widowhood and subsequently was part of Margaret of Anjou's dowry. On Edward IV.'s accession the double relation to the sovereign was re-established. He treated Leicester as part of his duchy, when, in return for "faithful and unpaid service," he conferred upon it an annuity from the issues of the honour, but he acted as King when he brought the government of the town into line with that of the chief English towns by giving it a Recorder and by making the Mayor and four of his colleagues Justices of the Peace. Richard III. as Duke increased his brother's

grant, and Henry VII. repeated it, for a shorter term, in return for the costs which the borough had incurred on behalf of the King's servants, wounded and maimed at Bosworth (p. 316).

Under Henry VII. the lordship was carefully maintained and made more of a reality than it had lately been; and this chiefly in as much as the borough was a source of income. By his order the Steward of the Duchy and one coadjutor formed a commission to enquire into the "decays" of the town-wall and ditch (pp. 335—340), a commission which seems to have been really one of enquiry into encroachments with a view to extracting rents for these purprestures. If so, this long list of burgess-holdings, with their carefully measured frontages[1], is a curious illustration of the methods of early Tudor policy. Similarly characteristic of the peculiar constitutional position of the Duchy of Lancaster was the renewed recital of the liberties of the Duchy of Lancaster which both Henry IV. and Henry VII. found it necessary to make; as Kings they commanded their servants to render to them, as Dukes, what was their own (pp. 212, 314).

Again, it should be noticed that when Henry VII. changed the constitution of the borough in such a way as to exclude the popular voice, he used two means for his purpose, an act of Parliament, and also his personal authority as Duke. Lastly, there is Henry VII.'s royal charter of 1504, in the main a confirmation of Edward's charter creating Justices of the Peace, but Henry added to their powers and still further severed the borough from the county by making it answerable for its own subsidies apart from the county collection (pp. 365—370).

II. *The lord and the Borough.* The story of the lordship, where it is not part of the story of the Kingship, can be told in detail, and must be taken up from the beginning of Edward III.'s reign. Henry, Earl of Lancaster, who had succeeded to the lands of his rebel brother Thomas in 1324, figures more largely in these records than any of the earlier lords, because he was more frequently in residence at Leicester Castle. In the early years of the youthful Edward III.'s reign, Leicester was drawn into the thick of the struggle between the two rival parties, the one headed by the Earl as guardian of the King and the chief member of his Council, and the other by Queen Isabella and "Le Mortimer," as he is called here (p. 8). The mayoral accounts are full of the payments made by the town to the King and his suite, to the Earl

[1] Very often of 40 feet, pointing to a systematic measuring-out of burgages.

and his suite. After the fall of the Queen's party the Earl took less part in politics, for his sight failed, and during the last fifteen years of his life 1330—1345 he spent much of his time at the castle. In these years the mayoral accounts represent him as a heavy charge upon the town, by reason of the complimentary presents which the community sent to him at the great feasts of the year. The accounts say nothing of the making of his new hospital in the Newark, and from him the burgesses obtained no further franchises. There is a negociation with him on the question of the burgesses' pasture rights in the Cowhay (p. 60) and there is one charter from him granting to the borough a waste-place by the Soar on which the burgesses purposed to build a town latrine (p. 61). It is interesting to notice that here, as later, the lord's right to treat the waste as his to give or not to give, passed unquestioned. Similarly the town did not lease a chamber over the East Gate without first obtaining the lord's leave (p. 55), and it was upon such precedents that Henry VII. may have claimed to make his enquiry into encroachments on the town-ditch and wall[1].

The elder Henry's blindness brought his son, Henry of Grosmont, styled Earl of Derby after 1337, more prominently forward, and in times that eminently called for strong qualities, the younger Henry earned considerable reputation for his statesmanship and military capacity. The town watched his career with pleasure and would seem to have been very proud of him. When he was at home the burgesses' relations with him were far more intimate than they had ever been with his father. His name figures early in the accounts on the occasion of his return from travel, when the town presented him with money and food. When he hunted in the Frith the town sent wine; when messengers brought news of his welfare in distant countries, they were rewarded[2]. He was absent in Gascony at the time of his father's death, and his return to take seisin was a costly episode, leading to the purchase by the town of some princely fish at enormous charges. Lampreys were specially fetched from Gloucester and kept alive in the Soar in fish-locks bought for the purpose (p. 68). The favour of Edward III. to both father and son was marked by his attendance at the elder Earl's funeral (p. 65) and in 1351 by his gift of the title of Duke of Lancaster to the new Earl, a title which Edward III. had introduced

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[1] On the point at which the question became debateable, see Maitland's *Township and Borough*, p. 185.

[2] Pp. 65, 68, 77, 79.

specially to distinguish his own sons. The new title was of course the occasion for a gift from the town, £20, the usual present to mark a great occasion, and no trifling burden, for it fell not far short of what the King took from Leicester when parliament granted him a tenth of all merchandise.

Further indications of the lord's power over the borough are given by the allusion to his "caption" (p. 75), by which he claimed the right to buy corn and meat, fixing his own prices and compelling the sale; to his claim on carriage (p. 26), a compulsory levy of horses and carts; to his milling and oven rights (p. 87), oven rights which Henry VII. was still striving to exact[1]. In 1352 the lord was complaining that rents and other moneys were due to him, and that he could levy no distraint, inasmuch as the debtors had nothing distrainable except their flour in the mill or their bread in the oven; the burgesses had claimed that they ought not to be distrained at mill or oven, but they were compelled to allow that in the last resort this distress was legal[2] (p. 87).

New franchises. From the Duke the town sought and got several franchises, at a time when municipal activity seems the more remarkable inasmuch as the population of the town had but lately been thinned by the Black Death. In 1353 an abortive effort was made to get rid of *Cannemoll* (pp. 79, 80), a fee paid to the lord either for leave to sell beer, or possibly, to brew beer. The lord yielded in the matter of his *Huckstermoll*, a custom from his "poor tenants the regraters." The payment was ceded as a "work of charity," in the desire for the salvation of his own and his ancestors' souls; it was a custom wrongfully taken by Earl Edmund's greedy "farmers" of the town (p. 89), perhaps something more than a hawker's licence, a fine on all retail traders and pedlars who bought their stock-in-trade in the town.

In 1357—8 the town was seeking freedom from the lord's toll (p. 108) and in the last two years of the Duke's life negociations went on both in connection with the Fair-toll and in connection with the market and borough tolls.

The fair, which had lasted for a fortnight after May 3, was shortened to a week at Michaelmas, and in return the Duke gave up the dues he had taken in the form of toll, stallage and

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[1] *Materials for the reign of Henry VII.* (Rolls Series) II. 369. The burgesses were ceasing to use his ovens and erecting their own.

[2] The King might not levy distress on a man's bread, according to the Dialogue of the Exchequer. *Select Charters*, p. 236.

pickage (the last being charges for setting up stalls and for picking the ground to set them up firmly), so that both native and stranger should henceforth be quit. In an enquiry of 1327 (p. 3) the fair-toll was entered as worth only 20*s.* to the lord, and was probably not heavy, for a fair subject to heavy tolls might have difficulty in maintaining its existence. What was even more valued perhaps was the concession which placed the entire ordering of the fair, the arrangement and distribution of the booths, etc., in the hands of the Mayor and two or three burgesses, chosen by the community to act as Stewards. The fines of the fair-court, for the holding of which the borough authorities had been responsible ere now (p. 72), were still saved to the lord.

In the last year of the Duke's life, 1361, a long negociation (pp. 113—130, 134—7) on the subject of borough-toll was entered upon; it cost the town over £40 and was rendered abortive by the Duke's sudden death, ascribed to the plague. He did not live to affix his seal to the last and most important of the documents. It was fully drafted and ready for sealing, but it has no seal (p. 124). The story of the negociation is known in great detail, for an elaborate enquiry on the subject was made for the purpose of a law-suit in which the borough engaged early in James I.'s reign; records in the offices of state were searched in London and copied, and the copies are preserved in the borough muniment-room. So far as the evidence lies before me[1], it seems that the town lost its case against the farmer of tolls appointed by the Crown, because the transaction by which the lord had intended to release the borough from his right to take tolls and stallage was never finally completed.

What the town produced in James's reign was the evidence of an unfinished negociation. The borough had sought to free itself from the burden of market-tolls; from through-toll or "transit" for the passage of goods through the town; from tronage for the weighing of goods upon the trone or public scale; from fines on buying and selling, on the pitching, setting and making of market-stalls; these were far heavier burdens than the fair-toll of which the lord had just eased the burgesses. It should be noted, with regard to their subsequent claim, that the lord proposed merely to give up taking these payments; whether the borough might take up the powers he abandoned and levy tolls for its own profit was not discussed. But the Duke was only tenant-in-tail of the lordship of Leicester, with the

[1] I depend upon Thompson, I. 327, II. 241, for the account of the law-suit in the time of James I.

King as reversioner (p. 117). At this time, as Professor Maitland reminds me (and I am indebted to him for explaining to me the nature of the scheme), the tenant-in-tail had hardly greater powers of alienation than had a tenant for life. The Duke therefore could not grant the tolls so as to bind his heirs in tail or the reversioner. Accordingly this plan was adopted:—he conveyed Wrangle, a Lincolnshire manor, part of his De Lacy estate, to the community, and the burgesses gave him a bond for 10,000 marks. The condition of the bond was declared to be that it should be void if within 8 weeks a certain indenture were executed:—the indenture was a re-conveyance of Wrangle to the Duke, subject to a condition for re-entry (p. 121), in case the release of the tolls were disputed or thwarted by any of the Duke's successors in the lordship of Leicester. The effect of this would be that if at any time the Duke's heirs in tail or the King, who was reversioner, troubled the burgesses about the toll, the burgesses might re-enter on Wrangle and hold it for ever. Such was the indenture which was ready for sealing when the Duke died, leaving the town enfeoffed of Wrangle, but with its bond for 10,000 marks in the possession of the Duke's executors. The Duke's second daughter Blanche and her husband John of Gaunt succeeded to the Lancaster inheritance, on the death (Ap. 10, 1362) of the elder daughter Maud[1]. Nothing more is heard of any charter of toll, and we may assume that the negociation having broken down, the Duke recovered his manor and the town its bond probably in 1364, when the Duke acknowledged that the burgesses had been enfeoffed of Wrangle (p. 134).

Lease of the Bailiwick. In 1375 another negociation, taking a different form, was opened with John of Gaunt, (the last Duke who resided in Leicester), which ended in his charter granting a lease of the bailiwick to the community for the space of ten years at a rent of £80 a year. This was the charter which at Leicester stands parallel to the purchase of a grant of the Firma Burgi elsewhere. It was, however, merely a lease for a short term; so far as is known it was renewed only at intervals, and never twice upon precisely the same terms. For ten years, however, the borough was paying a lump sum instead of the separate items due as profits from the Fair Court, Piepowder Court, and Portmanmoot; the matter of toll and stallage was not explicitly mentioned, but it may be understood that it is included in the clause which explains that the town may

[1] There was a rumour that she was poisoned in order that the inheritance might not be divided.

build market-booths and let them out, and by the general release of "farms and rents and profits" for ten years. Any new market-stalls would become the Duke's at the end of ten years, but he agreed to provide timber for building them. The Mayor and burgesses might elect two bailiffs, but the Duke would give them robes of his livery. The Duke expressly saved the rents of his mills and ovens, and the rents levied by the porter of the Castle, namely those rents to the lord, afterwards to the King, which burdened a number of tenements in the borough[1], rents of which there are long lists in the chamberlains' rentals and the rentals of the Corpus Christi gild at a later time (p. 342). The Duke likewise expressly saved his right to the escheat of free tenements, and was watchful against the borough's attempted infringement of this right (p. 159).

In this transfer, temporary as it was, the town had scored several points of importance in the history of its self-development. Every year that the borough acted as a self-organized community, quit by its lease of the bailiwick from the presence of the lord's officers in its court, and authorized to farm itself, made it so much the harder for the lord to restore the past relationship of dependence.

Subsequent history of the lease. But such a lease as this was far from the vague liberality of the royal grants of Firma Burgi. For the question next arises, did John of Gaunt, and did his successors in the lordship of Leicester, renew the lease, so that the town always held its courts and markets at farm? There is evidence that the lease was twice renewed and twice only. In 1404 Henry IV. leased the farm for 20 years on somewhat more rigid terms. The rent was raised to £90; forfeitures of £10 or more for a single cause were reserved. In 1423 Queen Catherine renewed the lease for 10 years at £80 a year, reserving half of all forfeitures of £5 or more. She died in 1437. No other lease for this period is preserved, and a document which records the receipts of the lord of the borough at certain dates (pp. 271—277) would seem to shew that in 1393, 1399, 1440, 1442 and 1462, the bailiwick was not at lease; for the lord's receipts are broken up into items, including farms of shops and shambles, canmoll, walkermoll, perquisites from the Courts of Fairs, of Piepowder and Portmoot, and from views (of frankpledge), assizes of bread, forfeited chattels, waifs and strays, etc.

Further, Edward IV., Richard III. and Henry VII., when they rewarded the town for services rendered, did not make the gift in the form of a reduction of the annual rent from the town, as

[1] On this subject see I. p. xxii.

happened in other cases where the borough had the Firma Burgi[1], but in the form of a direct payment. Again, Henry VII.'s complaint against the burgesses that they have forborne his shops and shambles built for their ease[2], looks as if no fixed composition were owed.

But it must not be ignored that there is some evidence on the other side. Even when the farm was let there was lordly interference, for it was not forgotten that the market must be so arranged that when the lease lapsed the lord should have every advantage (p. 176). Again, it is curious to find that in 1508 the borough was farming out the Sheep Market (p. 380) at a rent, in lieu of the profits that had come to the town treasury. The answer here may be that the borough had organized a sheep-market and provided hurdles at the common charges, so that the lord missed his hold upon it, as he did upon a number of new sources of profit that were now more valuable than the old. A similar answer may explain away the difficulty that arises when the town treasury appears as reaping all the forfeitures incurred under bye-laws and under the new legislation, which the Mayor by statute was authorized to enforce, whether as Mayor or as Justice of the Peace. Whenever there arose new sources of profit, the distant lord was likely to miss his chance of claiming them, and when the lord was also King it was to his interest as a ruler not to deprive the borough of the profits that resulted from the rigorous execution of the new statutes for public good order. A new sphere of judicature had been created by these statutes, as will be shewn below, and all that was new tended to come under the control of the Mayor's sessions and not under the Portmanmoot; the profits of the Mayor's sessions were the town's. The matter is of some importance, not only from the fact that if Leicester had no Firma Burgi it still cannot be treated as in any sense a typical borough[3], but also because it goes to explain why the town lost the case on stallage and toll in 1608, and what were the dangers to the town in the next century. The absence of a renewed lease does not indeed prove that the burgesses of the fifteenth century were poor-spirited or indifferent. The profits from the leased courts and rights probably did not amount to the rental asked by the lord[4]. Nor was the town bound to suffer severely by the reappearance of the lord's bailiff in its Portmanmoot.

[1] e.g. Nottingham and Northampton.

[2] *Materials, Henry VII.*, II. 369.

[3] Cf. Stubbs, *Const. Hist.*, III. 581.

[4] The accounts, pp. 272—7, shew that a lease on such terms would have become more and more financially disadvantageous to the borough.

The lord's bailiff. It is the reappearance of the lord's bailiff that makes it certain that the lease of the farm of the borough was not renewed. During the years of John of Gaunt's and Queen Catherine's leases the conveyances shew a steady record of bailiffs holding office, as a rule for one year only, two together, and no doubt these were officers chosen by the community as John's lease allowed. In the subsequent years, as in those which precede, a single individual is named as bailiff and holds his office for many years in succession. The bailiff of the later fifteenth century was clearly of the lord's appointing, and was called "bailiff of the liberty." Peter Curteys, who served both Edward IV. and Richard III. as bailiff, was expressly reappointed by Henry VII. to this office, among many others, in reward for services rendered[1].

The fact that the bailiffs of the later fifteenth century were seignorial and not borough officers makes the friendly attitude of the town towards them all the more noticeable. Only one conflict with a bailiff (Hotoft) is recorded (pp. 263—5). His successor, Curteys, was made Mayor, was repeatedly chosen by the community to represent Leicester in parliament, and was likewise chosen as alderman to rule one of the wards. Henry VII. ordered that his bailiff be summoned to all meetings for elections of officers or for assessment of taxes (p. 305[2]). In the fifteenth century he regularly witnessed conveyances after the Mayor. That he was one of the Brethren or Jurats is clear from his election to the aldermanship and to the mayoralty. Curteys's successor was likewise made Mayor. In the borough court the bailiff's oath of a later period shews him impanelling inquests and juries, making returns and serving writs and processes[3]. He was thus a servant of the town's court, as well as an agent, answerable, to the Steward no doubt, for the lord's receipts.

Thus viewed, it becomes less difficult to understand the position of the bailiffs who are named as holding office *before* John of Gaunt's lease of the farm[4]. In some ways this bailiff, though he holds office for long periods, seems more like a town officer than a lord's officer.

[1] He was likewise Keeper of the Wardrobe to Richard III. as well as to Henry VII., and also under Henry VII. Usher to the King's chamber and Keeper of the King's Palace at Westminster. He had begun to obtain the royal recognition under Edward IV. Thompson, 194. Halliwell, *Royal Letters*, I. 152, *Materials for the reign of Henry VII.* passim.

[2] The phrase "choose and call" means call and gather together.

[3] Nichols, IV. i. App. p. 425.

[4] The history of the bailiff's office is rendered the more puzzling by the lax use of the word to mean any minister. In vol. I. p. xliv and II. p. 363 bailiff is used for Steward, and II. 140, 144 for serjeant, when the serjeant is doing some extra duty connected with bridges, also II. 43 probably for Earl's clerk (Hoby was a clerk).

He, like the lord's bailiff of Henry VII.'s day, was sometimes made Mayor (p. 447), and shared in all the governmental business that the Mayor and Jurats shared in. That he was himself a Jurat is here again proved by his election to the mayoralty. If the lord restricted his own choice to the number of the Jurats, the danger of friction was greatly reduced, and when, at a later date, the lord's connection with the borough became a purely business relation, the bailiwick was an hereditary office of the Danets who more than once let it out to the borough in the sixteenth century. The borough again under the Danet leases reverted to the election of two bailiffs annually.

The lord's officers. The complicated history of the bailiwick[1] goes to shew how unsafe it is to assume that the lord and the borough or the officers of the lord and those of the borough will always be natural enemies. At Leicester it is difficult to divide the officers into two distinct categories. The lord's Receiver was in one case treated with complete friendliness by the borough. John the Receiver was repeatedly made Mayor, and he, as Receiver of the Honour (p. 394), was a seignorial officer, to whom the town found it on some occasions desirable to give dinners and presents (p. 11). His dignity is marked in the list of founders of the Corpus Christi gild inasmuch as he is named before the Mayor. When he is acting as a borough officer, as a Jurat, then the Mayor and the bailiff take precedence of him (pp. 83, 85).

The Steward alone remains as an officer who was rarely admitted to share in town business, and the later hereditary stewards, Lord Hastings and the Earl of Huntingdon, were charges on the town scarcely less great than the Earl himself had been in mediæval times. But in the fourteenth century the community looked to the Steward for aid in treating with the Earl (p. 47). In 1380 when the Mayor was himself a party in the conveyance of land, his place as witness was taken by the Steward (p. 406).

III. *The Government of the Borough.* i. *Finance.* For the earlier period and for the first years of the lease of the bailiwick, the materials from which the old system of town finance can be reconstructed are abundant. Later on a few notes entered in the Hall Book are all that shew its working, until the stream of chamberlains' rolls begins in the 16th century. The great change, which

[1] In the thirteenth century the bailiffs are generally named in pairs and sometimes hold office for long periods, sometimes for short. I now incline to think that the single case of election (I. p. 174) is exceptional, and I would give the Earl's nomination a more important place than is allowed in I. p. xliv.

ensued on the lease of the farm, was the town's appointment of two chamberlains, who relieved the Mayor in great measure of the business of account. The two chamberlains chosen yearly, who have their forerunners in an occasional officer[1] appointed now and again to assist the Mayor, took care of the "chamber" or treasury, received the burgess-fees and the rents due from the lands and houses conveyed or bequeathed to the Mayor and community in and outside of the borough, and of those few rooms under the Gildhall or over the gates or bridges which the Mayor and community treated as theirs to let for the common profit.

Under the Mayor's view the chamberlains were bound to see to the keeping of the town's property in repair, to maintain not only the houses whose rents came to the borough treasury by grant or bequest, but the bridges and pavements, and also the gates, walls and ditches (p. 193), whose ownership was in doubt. In arranging for repairs they had to make the best bargain they could for the sale of old materials, in the interests of the borough, and they defrayed the rest of the expense from the borough treasury. They account for the rents bequeathed to the borough, which began to be numerous as soon as the farm was leased, and also for the King's taxes, but not for the receipts of the courts, the account of which was probably kept by the bailiffs when the farm was leased. The chamberlains' expenditure covered, further, payments to visitors to the town, in food, money, etc.; and also fees to the borough officers[2].

No examples of a chamberlains' roll of receipt and expenditure are preserved for the fifteenth century, and we have here only one of their rentals, drawn up on their entry into office, 1452. This shews a rent of nearly £12 due to the treasury from tenements in Leicester itself; in three Leicestershire villages the town had gradually become possessed of small properties by bequest. At Whetstone, where the property was considerable, the borough held a manor-court presided over by the Mayor and the two chamberlains (pp. 302—3). But the total borough-rental did not yet reach £20 a year. Nevertheless this was a great rise since the days when the borough owned only its Gildhall and the four shops under it, yielding a rental of 4*s.*, though it was still a far smaller rental than that of the wealthy gild of Corpus Christi[3].

Expenses. The mayoral accounts of Edward III.'s reign give a striking impression of the severity of the taxation during the early years of the French war. There is every indication that this time

[1] P. 62. [2] This appears from the sixteenth century rolls. [3] See below, p. 266.

was also one of considerable prosperity in the borough. Large and costly undertakings were started, in building gates (p. 28), bridges (p. 140), the Gildhall (p. 142); and in the negociation with the lord for costly charters. The town not only bore the weight of an unexampled national taxation, but by the visits of Earl or Duke, met a further continual drain upon its sources, at the time when the Black Death was thinning its numbers. There is no need to look further than the items of borough expenditure in Edward III.'s reign to account for the obvious increase of poverty among some of the boroughs of the succeeding period. Leicester's place in the list of boroughs fell. It must have ranked far higher in Edward I.'s time (see I. p. lvi., note) than it did in Richard II.'s, when its loan of only 100 marks puts it into the nineteenth bracket in 1398[1].

Subsidies. During the years of Edward III.'s French war the town was rarely free for a single year from royal taxation, such as hitherto had been wholly exceptional. Every year the borough must pay its tenth, if not its ninth, of all merchandise. The town's tenth, fixed at 40 marks (£26. 13*s.* 4*d.*), was generally levied in such a way as to bring in about £30, possibly to cover the "Queen's gold" of (usually) four marks. When the "gold" was not taken, the excess went to pay the town's debts. It must be remembered too that the borough for the purpose of royal taxation did not include any part of the Bishop's Fee (p. 55). The Fee contributed, under its own collectors, only to the lord's presents and to the amercements levied by the King's marshal or clerk of the market (p. 99). To realize the gravity of the taxation of Edward III. it should be noticed how the town's expenses leap up when a subsidy has to be met. A tenth was more than equal to the whole annual expenditure of the borough in ordinary times. The receipts and expenses of the borough 1327—1334 ranged at about £20; 1334—5, the year in which the town contributed a tenth as a fine instead of the light-armed horse sent to Scotland, the charges were trebled and did not fall to near £20 again till 1359—60. In 1337—8, 1340—1, 1351—2, the expenses exceeded £70, the highest charge incurred by the borough during the whole period recorded being £81 in 1351—2, when the town can have only just come through the plague. The charges in that year covered the King's tenth, and a tun of costly wine (£10) for the newly created Duke with a present in money, which came in all to £30, or more than the King's tenth.

[1] See the list in Cunningham's *Economic History*, I. 343. Leicester is seventeenth, with 2101 persons contributing to the subsidy, 51 Ed. III., *Archæologia*, VII. 340.

The weight of taxation led to some new ordinances on the subject of assessment in 1352 (p. 86) which directed that not more than one tallage should be laid on the borough at a time, and that any surplus there might be should be more carefully husbanded.

There had been complaints too of the manner of the assessment, for it is ordered that the rich, middle and poor classes of the community should all be represented among the assessors, each class choosing two of its number to serve as assessors, in the presence of "all the commonalty." It is assumed, after the usual mediæval fashion, that the three classes are sharply divided and that the principle of the division needs no explanation. The division may have been based on the householders' contributions to the tenth. In return for this concession to popular feeling, a double distress was ordered to be levied on those who did not pay their share when called upon to do so. There had been before this time six assessors and six collectors, who had endeavoured to use the advantage of their position to escape their own assessment. This had been forbidden in 1339 (p. 44).

Military service. The military service in Edward III.'s time was of three kinds; the service under commissions of array, in which there was compulsory impressment with royal pay; military service levied on the borough by the King through the Earl, when the borough paid the charges, and thirdly, the general muster ordered under the Statute of Winchester.

(1) Under the commissions of array the charges incurred by the town were slight; they included dinners to the county justices who visited the town to view the men (pp. 11, 65), and, also, drink at the muster or send-off.

(2) A direct levy of service on the borough by King or lord necessitated a tallage to defray the expense of hiring the men, which tallage was sometimes accepted in lieu of the men. Leicester seems to have been ill-supplied with men fit to send whether as men-at-arms, or as the less costly "armati," or as archers. With some difficulty the borough got a fine accepted in place of the light-armed horse for Scotland, as before mentioned, and in 1345—6 the town got its assessment reduced from 12 "armati" to six, with a fine of £20, a somewhat small contribution to a county assessment which in 1339 was 25 men-at-arms, 120 armati and 120 archers. When these levies were ordered out, the Mayor had to arrange for the repair of the armour (p. 66), and there were fees to pipers and minstrels at the send-off (p. 144).

(3) At the general gathering of the whole community "arrayed

and mustered in the Field" according to the Statute of Winchester, drink was served at the common expense in the Saturday Market and fees were given to the minstrels piping (p. 45).

Besides the payments made to the lord in food, there were *customary payments*, such as those on the marriage of both his daughters (p. 108), on taking seisin (p. 131), called in one place "a custom at first coming," and elsewhere, perhaps to save the question of precedent, a payment "under the name of *present*"; there is an offering from 80 burgesses that looks like a benevolence to the lord (p. 45). When John of Gaunt came, a loan had to be raised to cover a payment of £20 to him and 20 marks to his wife (p. 131).

The giving of *dinners* to the lord's, and now for the first time to a considerable number of borough, officers, becomes in Edward III.'s reign something more like feasting at the expense of the borough treasury "by the consent of the Jurats' dining there." Still the greater number of feasts are on the occasion of the reception of some person, not one of themselves, whom it is well to mollify. The expenditure takes three forms, the poorest being a mere contribution of wine, sent into the tavern where an official was staying, or to the Mayor's house when he provided the dinner; then there is the tavern-dinner, in which the total of the bill is named and not the items of the meal for the lord's officer, which he enjoyed "with many of the community at the expense of the community"; thirdly there is the costly dinner for the Steward or Receiver, or for the Mayor on the occasion of his presentation at the Castle when he took the oath (p. 77), and in this last case every item is noted, the wages of the cook, the amount of fuel burned, the grain spent on fattening chickens beforehand, the spices and condiments etc. etc. The members of parliament came in only for drinks of wine when they were received at a tavern and told the latest news to the community. Numbers of newsmongers were similarly regaled.

There is some sign in the later accounts that the feasting of a few at the expense of the many was beginning to be regarded as an abuse; in 1375—6 (the first year of the farming of the bailiwick) some claims were disallowed (pp. 154—5, 170) and later, 1379, a rule was laid down that evidence of general consent to the charges incurred on visitors to the town must be procured. The borough officers may have laid in a store of wines and provisions to meet these emergencies, for there was a town store-house (p. 350) and a provender-house (p. 14) containing presumably the hay needed

for horses whose keep was at the community's cost, but the community had to send round to the abbey for barrels in which to put the Earl's wine, and probably bought most of the supplies as they were wanted, no doubt in some cases from the Jurats, many of whom were vintners themselves.

But the time had not yet come when the Jurats would keep up the old mediæval expenses though the purpose of them was gone. The community still felt that its liberties hung by a thread, and that it did well to spend liberally to keep or to increase what it had. It was worth something that the Queen's Marshal should speak good of the community to Queen Philippa[1] (p. 26); a certain lord knew Katherine of Swinford's weak places sufficiently well to get her to use her influence with young Richard II. so that the town was excused from lending silver that year (p. 171). The Mayor had sent her in addition a horse and an iron pan of superior quality, but an ungrateful community appears to have disallowed his expenses.

The *salaries* of the paid borough officials are recorded only for the fourteenth century. The clerk got 6*s.* 8*d.* as his parchment-fee and £2 for his board, when not provided at the Mayor's table[2]. The serjeant had 6*s.* 8*d.* rising to £1 in 1375. The first mention of any regular payment to the Mayor for his services is in 1334—5 (p. 17) a "salmon-fee" of 1 mark, paid in the form of a single gildsman's fee. In 1365—6 he began to claim as his the rents of the borough-rooms over the gates etc., amounting to about 10*s.* 6*d.* (pp. 140, 144), and in 1375—6 (p. 154) a fixed payment of £2 for the Mayor's dinner was made, together with the mark for "salmon-fee," without rents. In 1379 the whole system was overhauled. The Mayor and chamberlains had both been rendering accounts, there had been no clear division of responsibility and double clerk's work. This was put a stop to, and the Mayor's fee was made up to £10, of which £2 was to go to his dinner. He might spend more if he chose, but if he gave no dinner (at his presentation, no doubt) he forfeited the £2. He must also give £2 of the fee to the serjeant if he decided to have one. If not, he would forfeit the £2. He was to give £1 to the clerk, who would likewise serve the chamberlains. If he had no clerk he would forfeit the £1. The odd £5 was to cover his general expenses. He was released from rendering accounts, and the two chamberlains who did this work got £1 each.

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[1] Perhaps a remission of "Queen's gold."

[2] Pp. 8, 12, etc. Cf. p. 272, the lord's payment to a clerk, possibly the bailiff's clerk, of £2. 3*s.* 4*d.*

At first it seems that the chamberlains spent according to their judgment in the repair of borough property; but later it was ordered that any special expenses should be authorized in a full or a representative meeting of the community (pp. 193, 358). Their account was, like the old Mayor's account, made before twelve auditors chosen from the number of the Jurats and the community. Service as chamberlain or bailiff (during the period of elected bailiffs) was compulsory; "redemption" of service began early in the case of the chamberlainship (p. 169) and later was so usual that these fees became a valuable part of the borough income.

The wages of the burgesses of parliament were less regular in amount than is generally supposed. In these pages payments per day varying from 1*s.* 3*d.* to 4*s.* will be found in Edward III.'s reign. Horse-hire and groom-hire was provided in addition[1].

The payment of the waits or watch was in the fifteenth century arranged for by a compulsory subscription of 2*d.* from every member of the Forty-eight (p. 355). The earliest mention of the town-badge or collar worn by the watch is noted on p. 363.

ii. *Borough Legislation.* Within what limits it was the business of the mediæval borough to legislate was a matter left vaguely open for those practical compromises which our forefathers preferred to principles. As the office of Justice of the Peace begins to develope, a greater definiteness is manifested in some directions. In the fifteenth century the boroughs, as it were with one accord, turned actively to the work of setting bye-laws on record, of proclaiming also through their bye-laws what new statute laws were being passed in parliament, or what new royal proclamations and ordinances were being issued to the Justices, which especially concerned their town. Owing to the fact that the wording of the acts was not copied accurately, there are many curious differences which enhance the interest of the borough laws on gambling, on the sale of victuals, on measures, on carrying arms, on riots, etc., and although laws which are the same in spirit are found all over the country, the differences of detail make them well worth printing. Parliament had made out a list of unlawful games, but if the borough authorities knew of another popular game over which there was a good deal of betting, they would add it to the list. The men of Worcester wrote down a list of bye-laws in 1467, the very year in which the Leicester list was made (pp. 287, 299); they have many points in common and yet are by no means identical

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[1] Cf. Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* III. 483 (1878).

even when they cover precisely the same ground[1]. The borough activity in the proclamation and enforcement of statute or ordinance may be traced very directly to the appointment of Justices of the Peace in the borough; the occasional statutes or ordinances which authorized Mayors and bailiffs to act in certain cases with the powers conferred in the counties upon Justices seem to have left much of the ground uncovered, which had to be covered when the new officers were appointed. The introduction of these officers into the old organization was the immediate cause of many revolutionary changes; their appearance always marks a well-defined period in borough history.

Before the Justices of the Peace became important in counties or in towns, many traces appear of the old division of authority in Leicester, of the old uncertain frontier demarking King's, lord's and borough's peace. The same borough authority, the morning-speech, portmoot, or common-hall, poses now as the mouth-piece of King and Parliament; now, if it suits better the purpose in hand, of the lord Earl or Duke; now as an authority capable of laying down rules for its own guidance, provided its ordinances do not contravene the common law. An act of 2 Edward III. c. 3, to meet the disturbances caused by the troubles with Queen Isabella and Mortimer, forbade men to go armed *in affray of the peace*, and, in the boroughs, gave the Mayors the same powers to deal with offenders which were given to the Justices in the counties. In 1335—6 (p. 20) the borough of Leicester echoed this act in its ordinances; men were forbidden to go in armour by night or by day; offenders were to be kept in prison till "the King and the lord of the town had done their wills" upon them. The order passed at the same time, fixing the price of wine and forbidding the mixing of wine-lees with new wine, was an echo of 4 Edward III. c. 12. The price of bread and beer was fixed in accordance with an assize that governed the whole realm. Possibly the other regulations written out at that time were, similarly, the result of royal ordinances now lost. The next ordinances, issued in 1352, touched matters which concerned both lord and borough, and were made accordingly "by the counsel of the lord on the one part and the Mayor and good people of the town on the other part." The ordinances of 1379, rearranging the duties and salaries of borough officers, were of course the independent work of the borough which had its farm at lease. The next ordinance, that of

[1] The absence of any regulations to meet danger from fire is noticeable at Leicester.

1412 (p. 225), came dangerously near to contravening, if not the letter, in some sense the spirit, of the common law. The borough threatened residents with loss of the borough franchise if, finding the borough court not just enough for them, they should take their suit out of the borough to the Court of Chancery or before the county Justices. A rule of this kind shews the borough as a little *imperium in imperio* that could plant itself very firmly in the way to prevent judicial reforms. Edward the Fourth's charter creating Justices of the Peace for the borough was clearly a much needed, long-delayed reform. The batch of ordinances that follow, for the most part merely brought the borough into line with the other more advanced boroughs, where the Mayors and their fellow Justices had already seen that the new laws were made known and enforced[1]. The Leicester series begins (p. 287) very fitly with the proclamation of the act which, could it have been executed, would have ended the civil wars. The Mayor ordered on the King's behalf that no weapons be carried save in support of the mayoral authority. This proclaimed an old Privy Council ordinance[2], and made the same exceptions; knights and squires might have their swords borne after them by attendants. Nor was the government prepared to forbid the bearing of arms so long as they were borne on the side of the reigning King, whichever that might happen to be. The Leicester ordinances first forbade the bearing of arms and then ordered every inhabitant to be ready at all frays to come at once to wait on the Mayor "in supportation of the King's peace." Countrymen were directed to leave their staves and swords at their inns when they came to the town, except when they purposed to use them in "supportation" of the Mayor, and no weapons must be lent to them except for this one object (pp. 287, 293).

Part of the same work, for re-establishing order and making known the old regulations, was the reissue now and again (pp. 317, 375) of the tariff of fines for frays with and without bloodshed, the market-day and the market-place at the High Cross being protected by the heaviest fines. The scale is somewhat lower than that laid down at Worcester[3], which prescribed for the whole town and for all seasons the penalties which Leicester reserved for the specially sacred place and season.

[1] Some boroughs felt the necessity of writing down their laws in the fifteenth century that copies in English translations might be at hand for reference.

[2] *Ordinances of the Privy Council*, VI. p. xxvi.

[3] *English Gilds* by Toulmin Smith, p. 389. Also much lower than the London table, *Liber Albus*, p. 475.

Letters from Queen Margaret of Anjou (1449), from Henry VII., and from his mother the Lady Margaret (1498—9), together with copies of the statutes and proclamations (p. 313) and issues of borough ordinances (p. 293) against liveries and maintenance, give evidence of the general desire to put an end to the system of terrorism by which a great man could overawe the law-courts, break the peace himself and let his followers break the peace, with the certainty of escaping punishment. The borough of course was feeble where the central government itself had failed.

The fifteenth century was, comparatively speaking, an age of activity in the passing of bye-laws on matters of sanitation and decency, although a good many of the rules then first entered in the borough-books were probably no novelties. Some may well be due to royal ordinances or proclamations of which no trace has been preserved[1], for they consort well with those few assizes of victuals or acts issued in times of scarcity which do remain. Some part of the uniformity of the borough legislation may also be due to the influence of London.

As far back as the thirteenth century a three days' exposure of meat for sale was the longest term allowed ; in the fourteenth, sellers of bad meat were "presented" for the offence (p. 163), and it remained for the fifteenth century Mayors to enter in the Hall Book stringent rules against butchers who bring flesh to sell "corrupt with any manner of sickness," likewise against the sale of twice-cooked food (pp. 289, 321); the food sold must be seasonable, that is either baked, boiled or roast. These rules belong to the old Judicium Pillorie and Assisa Pistorum which are included among the Statutes of uncertain date[2]. By a second seething, meat is pronounced to have lost its natural wholesomeness. The Leicester rules on cooked meat and on the testing of the beer that it be "wholesome for man's body," are found in much the same wording at Norwich[3], at an earlier date. The order forbidding butchers to kill bulls to sell in the town unless they had been baited (p. 289), or fed with grass in a stall[4], has its counterpart at Cambridge (1376). The lists of fish and flesh and leather assayers which come from the Hall Book, and the oaths taken by these persons, may very possibly date their beginning at Leicester farther back than the first extant record of their existence.

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[1] Or even lost Acts of Parliament. Cf. the title of one of the acts passed at a Cambridge parliament, 1388, c. 13 (on causing corruptions of the air) of which the substance has not been preserved. Cooper's *Annals*, I. 133.

[2] *Statutes of the Realm*, I. 200. [3] *History of Norwich*, 1768, p. 124.

[4] Thus the baiting is explained in the Cambridge ordinance. Cooper's *Annals*, I. 114.

From the fourteenth century records we get no regulations limiting the accumulations of dirt in the street, only a threat of "grievous amercement" against cooks or fisher-folk who threw dirty water out "to the grievance and soiling of good people." In the fifteenth century "muck in the streets" is a common rubric in the Hall Book. No dirt-heaps were to lie before the house-doors for more than three days in any part of the town. Dead animals might not be thrown out into the streets at all, but were to be "voided forth into the Field away from the course of the people." It seems that it had been customary to choose wet weather to throw house-sweepings out of the window, and this practice, like most of the other offences here named, was forbidden under pain of imprisonment "during the Mayor's pleasure." In 1508 places were assigned for the shooting of rubbish on the West, South and East sides of the town. In 1500 a special officer was paid by the community to attend to the cleansing of the market-place, but the clearing away of dirt-heaps in the streets and before the houses was left to the householders' own organization (p. 291). They were ordered to hire carts to clear dirt away if necessary.

In 1344 arrangements were made for building a public latrine (pp. 60—1), on a waste place near the Soar, and this building was not the first of its kind. Another sanitary order, made 1467 (p. 291), was that women should not wash clothes at the common wells of the town, nor in the high streets (where possibly there were streams of running water) under pain of imprisonment.

Pigs were at first not suffered in the four high streets unless ringed (p. 21); later, no pigs at all were allowed in the high streets, and only ringed ones in the lanes (p. 103). In 1467 (p. 292), wandering ducks were also forbidden. Numbers of parallel examples could be quoted from other towns.

Nothing in the nature of legislation on morals was formally set down in writing, so far as we know, till 1467, when the heads of the frankpledges, who performed many of the duties of constables, were ordered (no doubt not for the first time) to "present" all brothels to the borough court. They were to be "voided" at the first warning under pain of imprisonment and fine "to the King" (p. 291), for this order concerned the common law.

The nasty punishment, which the ingenuity of a remote age had invented to draw disgust and shame upon persons using filthy language or guilty of other objectionable offences, was still in the fifteenth century to be inflicted, with all the old accompaniment of

nastiness, on persons of either sex who were "presented" as "scolds" (p. 291).

The *trade* legislation of the borough tends to a like general uniformity all over the country, a uniformity certainly in part due to royal proclamations or to statute-laws. The Leicester rules fixing the price of fuel had their origin, may-be, in that Assize of Fuel of Edward IV. which is known only from an allusion to it in an act of 7 Edward VI. c. 7. The rules for the price of poultry tally with Edward III.'s assizes of poultry[1], and the rule that victuallers must sell at reasonable prices taking "reasonable increase," with the Victuallers' Acts[2]. The Leicester rules on the price of candles may be due to an act of 11 Henry VI. c. 12, and of course the Leicester fifteenth century ordinances for bakers, vintners and tipplers (ale-house keepers) had many prototypes of this kind, as also the numerous rules on "forestalling and regrating," and the engrossing of "dainties" (p. 289).

The danger of "corners" in trade was a very present fear in the Middle Ages, when markets instead of being world-wide, were fed only from an area of some twelve miles around. In the fifteenth century game had begun to grow comparatively scarce, as appears from the game-acts, and Leicester victuallers were forbidden to buy up game before "the town was served"; if they did so, any would-be purchaser might compel the "cook," or restaurant-keeper as we should call him, to sell at the price at which he had bought (p. 289). Butchers who brought flesh in from the country were ordered to bring the skins and tallow too (p. 288), so that the tanners and chandlers might be properly provided with materials. Other towns had a similar rule, e.g. Gloucester, Oxford and Southampton. The order of 1482 which ruled that none of the Bench might brew or bake to sell, directly or indirectly, under pain of loss of office, restores the statute (6 Ric. II. st. 1. c.g.) passed to prevent victuallers from being judges at the assizes of bread, beer and wine.

The curious passage on "Farloupers" and their dealings with herring (p. 22) recalls a statute of 31 Edward III., st. 2, which refers to similar proceedings at Yarmouth. The word "farlouper" may be the exact equivalent of the "pyker" of that statute, a word which had and still has both the meanings of the word "tramp," as applied to a ship or to a wanderer. Pykers and farloupers were probably

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[1] 37 Ed. III. c. 3. 38 Ed. III. c. 2.

[2] 23 Ed. III. c. 6. 13 Ric. II. c. 8. At Cambridge by letters patent candle and fuel were included under victuals (Cooper's *Annals*, I. 131).

professional forestallers, whose influence over the trade in sea-fish was great enough to force the fishermen to sell at low prices. The borough is anxious to protect itself from them, lest the fishermen should be unwilling to come to Leicester with their herring[1]. The same sort of anxiety is betrayed in the rule (p. 88) which lays it down that any customary right which the Mayor or the Merchant Gild may have to compel sale or to share in the merchandise sold must not be exercised so as to frighten traders away. Further evidence of the continual dread of famine appears in the rules for bakers. In 1357 bakers were warned that if any flour were found in their houses when the town was breadless they would forfeit it; regratresses might not hide their bread, and later, in 1467, the bakers were threatened with imprisonment at the Mayor's pleasure if the town lacked bread, a threat which, if it were put into execution, might have left the town more breadless than ever. Victuallers might not "lead" any victual out of the town until it was "reasonably stuffed." Yet Leicester was well supplied with markets, held three times a week, on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and of four or five kinds, the Sheep, Cattle, Swine and Corn Markets, probably also a general market called the Weekday Market, as distinct from the Saturday Market. The fifteenth century ordinances contain a number of regulations for the proper ordering of markets. Against these and other ordinances a note is entered stating whether the rule is to be proclaimed or not, and on what day, a fact which shews that these ordinances were frequently made known to the townspeople.

Maintenance of bridges and pavements. The circumstances under which the borough as a whole grew active in the matter of *pavage* come out clearly from the fourteenth century mayoral accounts. In 1336 the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses were granted letters patent of pavage for 6 years, and the Earl likewise got a pontage for 3 years; that is the town might take certain tolls at the gates, and the Earl at the bridges, which moneys were to go to the repair of pavements in the one and of bridges in the other case. The zeal with which the town began to repair bridges and ways whenever King or Queen or lord was about to visit it[2], seems to shew that the burgesses hoped in this way to stave off another Earl's pontage or a demand

[1] So at Yarmouth the fishermen's hosts forced them to sell "at their own will" and gave the fishers what they chose, so that fishers withdrew from selling there. *Statutes of the Realm*, I. 354. There are many borough ordinances (cf. Cambridge, Cooper, I. p. 114) which forbade any middleman to sell sea-fish.

[2] Cf. the filling-up of a hole when the Queen was coming, pp. 47—8.

for a pavage, such as that raised by him in 1344—5 for making Humberstonegate (p. 62). In 1341—2 the town-paviers were paid by the piece at 1*s.* a rod, the pavement being made, it appears, of broken stone (p. 52). Street-cleaning, too, grew more urgent when the lord or lady was approaching the town (p. 154).

The collection for bridge-work in the parish-churches is worth notice (p. 140), likewise the allocation of a burgess's fine in aid of the bridges (p. 107), and a grant of lands to the community for the repair of the six bridges (p. 206)[1]. The West and North Bridges in 1365 were paved and the walls of the bridge were pargetted. The borough contracted for the paving, but the Mayor gave 6*d.* as courtesy to the men at work that they might work better (p. 141). That the borough as a whole was taking up the charge of keeping up bridges and ways is shewn by the order that the fines levied upon beasts found trespassing in the crofts should go to this work, among other things "necessary for the common utility." This course may have suggested itself as a way of reconciling the inhabitants to a new payment, for the fine on wandering swine had been resented (p. 104).

Traces of any interference on the part of the governors of the town with *agriculture* in the open fields are, as usual, absent. There is a reference to the field-herd whose business it was to turn out the beasts on to the stubbles (pp. 292, 318) and there are rules stinting the common of pasture in the Burgess-meadows, the Cowhay and Oxhay (pp. 197, 292). At the end of the fourteenth century burgesses alone might pasture there, and each but one ox and one cow. The burgesses went on paying the lord's old threepence a year for each beast, but the payment had been transferred by the lord to the Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church of St Mary (p. 249). In 1505 a close corporation, purged of the rank and file of the commonalty, agreed to pasture two of the Dominicans' cows in the Cowhay in return for prayers for the select governing body (p. 375). Whatever we may think of the end, the means were questionable. It was the first clear occasion on which the Mayor, Four-and-twenty and Eight-and-forty got something out of the borough property which would be so much sheer loss to the burgesses who had once had equal rights therein.

The large powers exercised by the Mayor in the matter of *punishment* he shared in common with other Justices of the

[1] The amercement of the town for the repair of a bridge "towards Aylestone" was due perhaps to a conflict with the county, p. 110.

Peace. The phrase so often used in 1467, "on pain of imprisonment as long as the Mayor likes," is probably a loose way of saying that the Mayor might commit an offender to ward without bail until the prisoner agreed to bind himself in such obligations as the Mayor in his discretion might think necessary to prevent the renewal of the offence. Edward IV. and Henry VII. had both given the Mayor and four Justices of the Peace power to hear and determine felonies, and, for a time, the power of inflicting sentence of death was theirs in such cases. The borough Justices' power of summary jurisdiction in minor offences, too, was very large, and unfettered by fixed rules of procedure. Some training in the exercise of these great powers, the burgesses had had already. For instance, before the Mayor had risen to the dignity of a Justice, a wide discretionary power had been left with him in the matter of fines for gild offences. Men submitted themselves to the Mayor's grace. The "amends" were repeatedly pledged "to be paid to the Mayor when it should please him" (p. 49 etc.). The vagueness of the fifteenth century was, however, to some extent modified later on, as is shewn by the slight changes of wording in the Book of Acts, written in Edward VI.'s time; fixed money fines tended to reappear, in the matters that had been left to the discretion of the Justices of the Peace.

The mass of the penalties for infringed bye-laws were levied by the chamberlains "to the use of the commons" and passed into the borough treasury; but when the process of presentment was gone through, as in the indicting of disorderly houses, in accusations that the householder had neglected the repair of his pavement in the "King's streets," or in complaints of disorders in the market-place, inasmuch as the matter was tried in the Portmanmoot and not in the Mayor's sessions, the punishment took the form of "fine and ransom to the King" (pp. 291—2). The borough treasury had contrived to lay claim to the fines on gamesters and keepers of gaming-houses, presumably under the laws of Richard II. and Henry IV., which made it the duty of Mayors and bailiffs to see to the arrest of labouring men or servants who wasted their time over unprofitable games. The act of Henry IV. ordered imprisonment for a week, but neither act names the amount of the fine. Leicester, before the act of 17 Edward IV., was taking only 6*d.* from each keeper of the garden or house where unlawful games went on, and 4*d.* from the gamester (p. 290). The new act ordered very severe penalties, £20 and three years' imprisonment for the keeper of the house, and £10 and two years' for each gamester, and the act was no longer confined to working men.

In 1488 the governing body renewed the bye-laws, and ordered a forfeiture to the borough treasury "according to the statute," but whether the borough-law or the common-law is meant, is left uncertain. Possibly the borough claimed the old trifling fee for its treasury, while the large fine went to the King as Duke, to whom at Leicester it should have belonged.

Foreign courts. The borough is seen to be as jealous as ever for the supremacy of its borough-court. In the fifteenth century it is still thought that, so far as the encroachments of royal justice will allow, the borough ought to be, as it had been in the past, self-sufficing in jurisdiction. To meet new requirements the borough has developed a Mayor's sessions in addition to a Portmanmoot; as a county-town it is visited by the King's Justices; the cases, then, that ought to go to courts outside the borough are few, and the claims of new spheres of jurisdiction must be resisted, or at least tested by enquiry, and if the borough is satisfied that it is good to invoke the new jurisdiction, then the Mayor may grant his licence.

The first example of this feeling appears in the form of jealousy of the spiritual courts, 1343. A gildsman was impleaded before the Mayor (p. 49) for taking a suit to a Court Christian, a plea touching a matter neither testamentary nor matrimonial[1], and this in contempt of the lord's court (the court of his borough, the Portmanmoot), and contrary to the Mayor's prohibition, and to the damage of the Gild. The next shews jealousy of the Chancellor's jurisdiction "concerning threats." It seems that a suitor, fearing "too great might" on the side of his adversary, namely that "livery and maintenance" would lose him his suit, had applied for a Chancellor's writ, 1412. The borough forbids the application for such writs, as also the taking of suits before the county Justices of the Peace (it had none of its own then), and the nature of its jealousy is explained. It is fear lest the goods of townsmen of Leicester should be forfeited in courts outside the town, and no profit from the case accrue to the town, which then had the farm of its courts. An imperfect sentence (p. 225) hints that the Mayor by licence might authorize the removal of a suit. In 1455, when the lord's bailiff had impleaded the "Mayor, some of his brethren and the community" in the King's Courts[2], a croaking, distressed and ungrammatical minute in the Vellum Book shews

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[1] Cf. the very common presentments by frankpledges for this offence, Hudson, *Leet Jurisdiction of Norwich*, p. xxxvii.

[2] A search for the suit in the Year Books has proved fruitless.

the borough helpless to meet the difficulty, but prepared to stand together as one man and bear the charges in common (pp. 263—5). In 1467 a bye-law was passed that in all cases where the Mayor's court can provide a remedy, his court must be the court sued in, under penalty of six weeks' imprisonment, and the making good of the defendant's costs (p. 290). In 1488 the further penalty is added of a 40*s*. fine to the town and loss of the borough franchise (p. 317). Furthermore the "foreigner" is declared to have no action in any other court within the town but only in the Portmanmoot. This was to defend the burgess against a summons to the Castle court, the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster, or perhaps to that of the Bishop's Fee (p. 294).

iii. *The governing body.* In the introduction to the first volume a discussion of the functions of the Merchant Gild and its relation to the Leicester borough-court necessarily played a large part. The process of coalescence between the two sources of governmental power, the merging of their differences into one united governing body which would reappear as a town-council, was seen to be already far advanced when Edward III.'s reign opens. The present volume shews both the old Portmanmoot and the younger Merchant Gild gradually giving up almost every active function to their lusty children, the Mayor's sessions and the Common Hall. The aged parents retain only a shadow of their former share in the town business. The stream of parchment Gild-rolls ceases to flow in 1380, but already they are nothing more than lists of the names of those who purchase the borough-franchise. When the lists on paper begin, the old phrase "Chapman Gild" stands at the head; the old machine which had admitted men to share the privileges of burgesses is still used, and it is used for this purpose only[1].

The older parent, the Portmanmoot, already robbed of much by the admission of the younger partner, the Merchant Gild, to a share in the business, remains as before, doing the work of recording conveyances, and acting as a court for the recovery of small debts, as a court in which the frankpledges present offenders, as a court in which people who have suffered small injuries estimated at 40*s*. or less obtain their remedy. But the Petty and Quarter Sessions of the Justices of the Peace would steadily diminish the business that came before the court of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgesses.

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[1] It is curious to notice how that even in 1379 (p. 193) and in the Chamberlains' oath (p. 321) there is still a verbal distinction drawn between what belongs to the community of the town and what belongs to the Merchant Gild.

Rise of the Mayor's Sessions. Even before a charter making Justices of the Peace for the town had been granted, (and the fact may explain how it was that the borough was so long able to get on without such a charter), the tendency for the Gildhall meeting or "morning-speech" to become a Mayor's sessions was well-marked. The very phrase "Mayor's sessions" was used (p. 19), when in the Gildhall morning-speech very multifarious pleas were treated[1]. But the interference of the "foreign" Justices of the Peace of the county in such matters as the array of armed men (p. 11), shews how the want of a completely self-sufficient organization for the justice of the borough might make itself felt. The difficulty was only tided over by the exercise by the Mayor or bailiff of the new duties belonging to the Justices of the Peace, either by special appointment under the different statutes which made new offences, or without any formal sanction by the legislature.

After 1464 when the town was provided with Justices of the Peace, besides all the new spheres of jurisdiction carved out for them by the central government, their sessions tended to absorb, likewise, much of the business performed by the frankpledge juries. The Leicester records of this period have no rolls shewing the town courts at work, but this much seems certain from the analogy of other towns. Furthermore the Portmanmoot can be seen in these pages gradually losing the last traces of its power to transact at least a part of that business which we should now call town-council's business. In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries it still retained some shadow of its original power, as (in the earliest days) the only organized assembly of the community. In 1377—9 the arrangement of market-stalls is still viewed as its business. That would be "common-hall," or as we should say, town-council, business, in the next century. A fourteenth century bequest ordered the chaplain of the Gild of St John to be presented in the Portmanmoot (p. 101). When in 1464 the terms of the bequest to the chaplains were re-settled, the Portmanmoot is not mentioned (p. 283).

Rise of a Council-meeting called a "Common Hall." In spite of the gap in the records between 1380 and 1457, the introduction of the term "common hall" to mean a meeting of the governing body or council may be clearly traced. The "hall of the Gild of Merchants" in which the morning-speech had been held is called variously Gildhall, Mayor's Hall, Moot Hall, and finally Common

[1] Cf. pp. 22—3.

Hall. This last term was destined to stay, and the place where the council-meeting was held gave the name to the meeting; the morning-speech became "the common hall," and the cumbrous phrase "at a morning-speech in the hall of the Gild of Merchants" was cut down to "at a common hall."

The terms council, town-council, town-councillors are not once used in this volume. Longer phrases take their place. The Hall Book of the fifteenth century opens with words unknown to the preceding century. It is full of the "Mayor and his Brethren," or his "Brethren of the Bench." In these words there is yet another indication of that coalescence of the Gild and the ancient Moot which is so manifest elsewhere. The Four-and-twenty Brethren of the Bench, or Comburgesses, of the fifteenth century, were the 24 Jurats of the fourteenth[1]. The term Brethren of the Gild (p. 30), at first applied to all Gild members, appears to have become peculiarly the title of the 24 "fellows" of the Mayor[2]. They are Brethren *of the Bench* by reason of their quasi-judicial duties as Jurats of the Portmanmoot, that court in which they were sworn to render "loyal judgements"[3] (pp. 33, 320).

A further evidence of the coalescence of Gild and Portmanmoot is seen in the rule of 1466 which speaks of the unfranchised; by this rule those who had not bought or inherited membership of the Gild Merchant, were excluded from the common hall meetings. The fact that mere inhabitants had ever been suffered to attend is a trace of the Portmanmoot element in the "common hall." The Merchant Gild, when it took upon itself to act in the name of the whole community, rendered itself liable to the appearance of non-gildsmen at its meetings. They had come, it seems, in large numbers, on the days when there were elections to make of members of parliament, or of the Mayor and other borough officers, and when the question of a borough-rate was in debate.

The arguments which the burgesses used when they decided to exclude all who were not of the Chapman Gild, and to act themselves in the name of the commonalty, were no doubt the very arguments which Henry VII. would in the next generation use in his turn against them. The burgesses would speak of the "headiness," little intelligence and

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[1] The identity is proved by the oath, pp. 33, 320.

[2] Cf. the phrase "out of the fellowship" of the Brethren, p. 299.

[3] On the Bench, see *Hist. Eng. Law*, I. 155, and on the four Benches of the Doomsmen I. 556 (second edition) and *Eng. Hist. Rev.* X. 732.

small stake in the interests of the town which made the "unfranchised" unfit to take a share in the government of the town. They would dwell on the fact, too, that non-gildsmen took no oath to "bear the burden" entailed upon burgesses by their franchise. But in another generation a town-clerk went over the record, and, to bring it up to date, changed the passage ordering none to attend "except those that be franchised, that is to say entered into the Chapman Gild" to "except those that be of the XLVIII."

The Four-and-twenty and Forty-eight. It has become usual of late to speak of the fifteenth century as a period of transition from a "democratic" to an "oligarchic" form of municipal government, and to point out that some of the features that characterized the Tudor system then first shew themselves in the towns. Others again have argued in favour of throwing back the date of the change. It has been thought that, though in the towns taken as a whole the process of change was not rapid, (for certainly the fifteenth century does not cover it), in each case, as a rule, the change was sudden and catastrophic, the result of an exercise of royal authority which took away power from the governed to give it to the governors. In some exceptional cases it is viewed as the result of class divisions, a revolution and the triumph of the rich. Some writers, less willing to believe that the fifteenth century marks a period of degeneracy, when the townspeople quietly ceded all the points they once seemed to value, dwell on the evidence of resistance to the change. Evidence is adduced to shew that the earlier so-called democratic form was merely a form, not animated by any lively spirit of self-dependence; and that this spirit, without which there is no true democracy, was first aroused when a change of form was threatened. The facts at Leicester being somewhat elusive, as they are indeed elsewhere, it will be desirable to analyse the material we have here, before attempting to establish a general theory from evidence so limited.

Almost as far back as the 13th century records go, there is what we should call a council, consisting of a Mayor and Four-and-twenty Jurats or Brethren. But neither in the fourteenth nor in the fifteenth century is it ever hinted that this council owes its existence to an election. From 1477 onwards there are lists of all the elected officers of the borough, but no lists of the Brethren. It is necessary to insist on this point here, though I must later return to it, because it must be understood at once that the Four-and-twenty, to whom vast powers were soon to be entrusted, had been for over two centuries a *close* body. It is not the constitution

of this long-established, most undemocratic council, which is to be changed, but the constitution of another body which represents the share of the community in the government of the community. In the fourteenth century it is repeated to weariness that the "Mayor and Jurats and all the community," in the fifteenth century that "the Mayor and Brethren by the advice and assent of all the commons," did this or this. If the words be interpreted literally doubts present themselves. Would the little mediæval hall hold all the community? Was the whole community in the habit of attending numerous public meetings to the neglect of more directly profitable business? We know that the phrase is often a form, no literal truth, yet even the unfranchised have to be forbidden, not once but twice, to attend any common hall, first curtly, and then more at length. The tone of the second ordinance (1467) against their intrusion seems to hint that there had been resistance to the new rule. The Mayor and Brethren appeal to reason, and explain the wherefore of the change. The King and his lords have heard of divers "ungoodly rules and demeanings" among the Leicester commons aforetime used. If no remedy be found, it will turn to the perpetual loss of the borough's large liberties and franchises, which God forbid, and to the dishonour of all the body of the town and every member thereof. The rule is once more rehearsed, "all the commons" being present.

But even after the exclusion of the unfranchised "commons," there still remained a numerous body of commons who were burgesses, enjoying their old privilege of attending and shouting at some of the "common halls," sharing in the election of members of parliament, in the election of borough-officers, controlling the expenditure by their tumultuous resistance to any levy that appeared to them excessive; in these ways they were sharing truly in the government of the town, although a considerable residue of power might be left with the executive. In 1489 the mass of the burgesses, in their turn, lost the whole of these powers. They were ordered by the King and Parliament to hand them over to 48 of their number, who were to be chosen, not by the burgesses at large, but by the then existing governing body, the Mayor and the Four-and-twenty. Neither was it to be within the power of the burgesses to fill vacancies in the Forty-eight. That again was the function of the Mayor and Four-and-twenty, who made vacancies on the Forty-eight at their pleasure. Neither was there any system which distributed the Forty-eight among the several wards or the several crafts. The one restriction upon the Four-and-twenty, who alone had power to make and fill vacancies

upon their own Bench, was that they could choose new Brethren only from the number of the Forty-eight (pp. 330—1). From this time onwards, though still unincorporated by royal authority, Leicester belonged to the group of the closest of corporations.

This change undoubtedly met with resistance. At the next mayoral election the "commons" attempted to exercise their right of election. The choice of a Mayor had to be made (apparently by ancient custom) from the Four-and-twenty: to meet the possibility of an attempted election by the commons, all the Four-and-twenty had been sworn never to accept the commons' nomination. Nevertheless, one of the Four-and-twenty, being elected Mayor by the commonalty, as against the candidate elected by the Four-and-twenty and the Forty-eight, attempted to press his claim. The Bench removed him from their number and remained in possession of the field. But to tide over the dangerous moment, the governing body withdrew their candidate and continued the then Mayor in office, and this in spite of an old rule which forbade the same Mayor to hold office for two years in succession. The re-elected Mayor was promised (at the King's request) a handsome fee for the charges under which this troublous season laid him (p. 327). He appears to have succeeded in restoring order, for in the following year the original nominee of the Four-and-twenty and Forty-eight was elected without disturbance. In the hands of this "oligarchy" of 72 persons now rested, among other matters, the election of members of parliament. With the Four-and-twenty rested, as formerly, the election of the four Justices of the Peace, who, with the Mayor, had power to inflict even the capital penalty. Under ordinary circumstances, however, this last election was not a real one, for the Mayor's four predecessors in office were the Justices of the Peace and passed off the Justices' Bench in order of official seniority.

The alleged purpose of the change which excluded the common burgesses is described in the Act of Parliament made for Leicester and Northampton, and subsequently[1] in a letter from Henry VII. to the Mayor and burgesses. It is to avoid the disturbances that have happened at the election of Mayors and members of parliament, and at meetings to determine on borough assessments. On these occasions (and apparently on these occasions only), the "commonalty," poor and rich alike, have always assembled at the "common hall." Such persons as are of little substance and intelligence, and

[1] Throsby and Thompson have described Henry's letter as the earlier, but this is due to a mistake.

not contributory, or contributory only in small measure to the town's charges, through their "exclamations and headiness" have subverted good government, and such stirs are likely to lead to the frequent breach of the peace. The change is to restore good rule and substantial order.

To us now-a-days it seems strange that a man of Henry VII.'s intelligence should not have chosen to effect his end another way less drastic than this, less calculated to alienate the support of his burgess subjects, which he, with his uncertain title, so sorely needed. Surely the commons who were burgesses might have been allowed to elect the Forty-eight, or to elect the electors of the Forty-eight in the elaborate method adopted by some towns. Surely, either the burgesses must have been weak and short-sighted to submit to a system so obviously tyrannical, or else the more powerful must have urged on a revolution for their own aggrandizement. But to argue thus is to argue from a modern point of view. We may question whether the mass of the burgesses fully understood then, that the new system was one of irresponsible exclusiveness, bound to have consequences the most far-reaching for mischief. What should rather be noticed is the extraordinary fact that Henry VII. placed, as the commons themselves had long ago placed, complete trust in the good sense of the close body of Four-and-twenty. Before we jump to a theory of oligarchic revolutions is there not much to give us pause? Had there been mistrust on either side, could so revolutionary a change ever have been carried through at such a time, strong as the monarchy might be, keen as might be the desire of the richer burgesses to keep down their poor and unintelligent fellows? First let us consider the situation. The Bench of Four-and-twenty might choose forty-eight of the most wise and "sad commoners," and change them "as often as seems necessary." An absolute discretion was placed with the Bench, and discretion was the one quality they were called upon to consider in choosing the Forty-eight. Riches were not made a measure, except in so far as riches may make men "wise and sad." Forty-eight "discreets" (as they were called in some boroughs) was not a mean allowance out of a body of only some 250 householders paying to the King's subsidy[1]; in the earlier period, when there is reason to think that the borough was more thickly peopled, of those large meetings concerning which there are full details, only one (p. 55) exceeded this number, 66 persons attending in addition to the 24 Jurats. The names of the Forty-eight are

[1] See the list, pp. 331—4. As there are many repetitions the total of names must not be counted.

not once given and it is therefore not possible to estimate their social position. The Four-and-twenty were, and for long had been, by far the wealthiest of the burgesses[1]. In the fifteenth century, gentleman, armiger, merchant, mercer, grocer, draper, glover, are the descriptions added to their names. But there is nothing to indicate that in the fifteenth century the rich had grown richer in comparison with the middle-class burgesses.

The temptation to betray the trust, the excessive trust, thus placed in the common-council did not make itself immediately felt. Indeed there is not wanting evidence that the enlarged close governing body was, in Henry VII.'s time, as fair-minded and, in the best sense, as discreet a body as the old Jurats and commonalty. The Four-and-twenty were left with the vaguest instructions as to how they should use the Forty-eight, on what occasions it would be necessary to obtain their consent before the Four-and-twenty could act in the name of the whole commonalty, and on what occasion this would not be necessary. The Forty-eight were present at meetings which were neither for election nor for assessment, at council-meetings to which the commons at large would never have been summoned. A fair balance of power was given to the Forty-eight in all financial matters. A committee consisting of some of the Four-and-twenty and some of the Forty-eight viewed the "town's estate," and examined the debts (p. 360). The chamberlains or treasurers were directed by a committee of four, two from the Four-and-twenty, two from the Forty-eight, chosen by the whole "common hall" (p. 358)[2]. But as the Four-and-twenty could at once put any troublesome member of the Forty-eight out of that body, it was easy no doubt to treat it with a show of deference. The first occasion on which the borough-council alienated borough property "for ever" (p. 355) looks at first sight like the earliest example of a trust betrayed, but rent for this property was required and a reasonable rent. There is in this period nothing graver to say against the councillors than that they, thinking less of the stint of common than of their souls' salvation, admitted two Dominican cows to the Cowhay.

But what was the past history of this Bench, these Four-and-twenty Brethren into whose hands so great a power was confidently placed? How was it that the commons lost that power to elect the Brethren which they last exercised more than two centuries before

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[1] Compare the lists of the Brethren sworn (p. 326), or the names of the Aldermen, with the roll, pp. 370—4.

[2] There was the same arrangement at Worcester. Toulmin-Smith, *Gilds*, p. 379.

this change? The last record of a Jurats' election comes from 1273[1]. Before that there are records of three elections of "those who shall come at all summonses of the Mayor," to maintain the liberties and franchises of the town and gild, viz. in 1271, 1257—8, 1225. From 1273 to 1477 nothing is heard of the manner in which the body of Jurats was recruited. The same names recur as Jurats during a long period of years. There is no annual election. It looks as if the negligence of the thirteenth century burgesses had first allowed this body to become "close" at Leicester. Perhaps the Mayor's control over the whole question of summons, general or special, to meetings when elections took place, or rates were levied, to meetings judicial or deliberative, led to changes, imperceptible to the commons till they were accomplished facts. In 1477 the Mayor acting *alone* had been filling vacancies on the Bench of Jurats or Brethren. This is forbidden; he must ask the advice of the Brethren (p. 300). Such probably had been the custom in the fourteenth century, when a Jurat was put out of his office if he were "attainted by his peers," i.e. by the other Jurats (p. 105). The Bench had, no doubt, for long been recuperated, in part automatically, by those who held office as serjeants, chamberlains, etc. Every former Mayor became once more a Jurat when his term of office lapsed. The town, then, had been long accustomed to place the transaction of the greater part of its business in the hands of a close, co-optive body. In its "democratic" days no Mayor had ever been nominated who was not already a member of that body; we hear only of some over-eagerness on the part of men of all degrees and "science[2]," to shout out a nomination before all the proper formalities had been gone through (p. 286).

But in the old days the nomination had not necessarily, though probably it had usually, come from the Bench. That is the whole change in the matter of mayoral elections. In the matter of the election of "burgesses of parliament" there had been a like gradual loss of power on the part of the commons, taking place at no known date, a loss which paved the way for the election of M.P.'s by the common-council in 1489. Before that date, one precedent added to another had slowly established a custom which left the "commons" with only one burgess-member to elect, instead of two as in the old

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[1] I. p. 111.

[2] The "sciences" at Beverley were the crafts, but that is probably not the meaning here. See Leach's *Beverley Town Documents.*

days. By the middle of the fifteenth century the choice of one member had fallen permanently into the hands of the Mayor and Four-and-twenty. In the fourteenth century the commons had elected two members (p. 45), but once, if we mistake not, the Four-and-twenty had presumed in a matter of urgency to elect without the commons' consent (p. 60).

In the fifteenth century again, the commons did not elect both chamberlains as in the past. One was the choice of the Mayor, one, the choice of the community. The commons might in old days have elected all three Stewards of the Fair (p. 113), but in 1477 one is chosen by the new Mayor, one by the old Mayor, one only by the commons. The commons had elected the coroners in 1343 (p. 58), but Edward IV.'s charter placed the election of the coroners and the election of Justices of the Peace with the Four-and-twenty, an arrangement which was probably in no way counter to the wish of the "worshipful commonalty[1]." Edward IV. apparently kept to himself the choice of the Recorder.

In some degree, then, it is true to say that at Leicester the governing body had become "close" by the commons' gradual abandonment of claims which might have been made good by them if they had devised orderly and effective means of making the wish of the majority paramount. But to do that, political thought in this provincial town was as yet too immature; the commons were not concerned with "constitutional claims" until the constitution was threatened. Their semi-control had produced a Bench which acted as they wished to see it act. On more than one occasion the Brethren or Jurats sanctioned laws which made them pay a double when others would pay a single penalty (pp. 106, 293—4), and in other ways seem to have acted with fairness.

In such a manner then we can see how a gradual change had already taken place which was in no sense catastrophic, and how the change could be glossed over without any revolution. But neither contentment with the existing government, nor laxity and indifference, will fully account for the situation which Henry VII. found and for his remedy. The explanation lies rather in the peculiar frame of mind with which the mediæval "commons" approached all questions of government. This comes out plainly in those ordinances of 1379 which, in the elaboration of some of their details, are the highest expression of constitutional thought of which the borough of Leicester

[1] This phrase is used on p. 306.

was capable in the fourteenth century. It comes out, too, in the phrases in which the choice of auditors is spoken of. Between these and the ordinances of 1466—8 there lies a long interval of years of which nothing is known, but when the borough is seen again at the work of drafting ordinances, the manner in which the work is attacked is unchanged. Now the ordinances of 1379 say that "the community" in the Gildhall unanimously agreed that all items of the extraordinary expenditure, incurred when great personages visited the borough, should be specially ordered by the Mayor, a majority of the Four-and-twenty Jurats, and by 24 commons appointed for the purpose, *or* by the whole community. The question is left open whether the Jurats or the community choose the 24. In the case of the auditors, too, in the same way, we know not whether the 12 auditors "chosen from the Jurats and the community" are chosen by the Jurats or by the community. These phrases may be due merely to loose drafting; possibly an election by the commons is meant in both cases. Yet when the statements touching consent, which occur in the Mayor's accounts, are read in the light of these passages, there is further evidence that the fourteenth century burgesses viewed these matters in a spirit very different from ours. Vagueness takes the place of precision. From these fiscal entries it appears that the Mayor, being anxious to secure repayment for what he had disbursed, found it necessary to urge some other sanction than his sole authority, and he wrote down the names of those whose consent he had got. He had done nothing of the kind in the time of Edward II., or Edward I. Early in Edward III.'s reign the phrase "by consent of the community" occurs in connection with spending (p. 11), but more often such phrases as "by the consent of A. B. and C. D. and other Jurats," "by consent of some of the Jurats," or "in the presence of" certain persons named. Once the sum is spent "by assent and advice of (three named) Jurats, and (two named) chosen by the community" (p. 91). But there is no sort of regularity. Once it is directed that the Mayor should have the gild pence for his own use for ever without rendering account for the same, "so that he should give of his own to all the messengers without asking allowance on his account, and spend all the small sums for strangers coming hither" (p. 103). But two years later the normal system is at work again (p. 108). Such was the confusion in finance, a domain in which the merchants and shopkeepers of mediæval Leicester might have been expected to shew business-like precision if anywhere.

A like haziness in constitutional thought appears in the phrases which shew that the powers hitherto exercised, nominally at least, by the whole community, are being exercised by a few of the more distinguished commoners who are not on the Bench. In the thirteenth century we get no phrase alluding to the more honest, the better sort of commons, but there are many such in the fourteenth, and more in the latter part of the century than in the earlier. Such a distinction first systematically appears just where we might expect it, in the matter of public dinners. The invitation to the Mayor's presentation dinner is extended to all the Jurats and "all the other honest men of the town" (p. 68). The cost of the dinner, the usual £2, forbids the idea that any very large number of commons were of probity sufficient to obtain an invitation to the dinner. Those who eat the dinner, sanction the giving of the dinner at the expense of the community, and the community lets the matter pass and pays.

In 1335 the ordinances are called the work of the Mayor and "good people," and so in 1352. A meeting of 15 named Jurats and "other honest and lawful men" made penalties for Jurats guilty of forestalling (p. 106) and made rules on prices. In 1366 and later, the gild entries begin to be regularly made before the Mayor, Jurats and "best" of the community. But still, "Mayor, Jurats and commons" remains a usual formula; no marked distinction can be drawn between the meetings held for one purpose, or those held for another, between folk-moots and council meetings. It is noticeable that in all the leases of borough property throughout the whole period the consent of the whole community is formally recorded.

It is now coming to be well understood that this formal record does not express a literal truth, but a point of view. It was the mediæval way of expressing the abstract idea that through an appointed organ a group of individuals had acted. When this form is used the borough is passing from an incomplete to a more complete constitutional organization. The introduction of a council of Forty-eight to support the old narrow council of Jurats marks a third stage in the borough's self-development, a stage onwards, not back. Of the first stage was the reeve and community; of the second, the Mayor, Jurats and community; of the third, the Mayor and Common Council. At the third stage a representative system is evolved for the borough, though it be a system of a most inelastic, artificial, fictitious kind, and one charged with dangers for the future. Hitherto the council has ruled; it now represents and rules. With this, the mediæval idea that every qualified inhabitant performs every

act performed by the community, passes away, to be replaced by the modern conception of the corporation. The change is no oligarchic revolution but springs from a change of ideas; at the moment of transition we are still within sight of the folk-moot of primitive times, and at the same time we are within sight of the present day.

The new order was bound to come in any case; it was perhaps because it was overdue that at Leicester it fell to Parliament and to the Crown to abolish the plebeian consent, to introduce a representative system based on an election made from above and not from below, such as the commons had been themselves in process of inventing, when they left open the question who should choose the committees of finance, or left the choice to the Mayor. This thoroughly undemocratic system of representation was to prevent the gathering of disorderly crowds, a danger which the central government had long realized as one of the gravest with which it had to deal; it would likewise supply a voice where there had been indifferent silence. The consent of the Forty-eight "in the name of the whole commonalty" is recorded just as methodically as the old "consent of all the community."

The voice of the twenty-four Brethren, when they chose the Forty-eight, was held to be the voice of an electorate consisting of the community, or of the "better and wiser part" of it. Henry VII.'s act was not an act which placed power with his nominees; the time for that was not yet. It was an act which brought Leicester, at a somewhat late date, under the new model which all the chief boroughs had been either laboriously working out for themselves, or else had welcomed when it came to them from above. It is sometimes forgotten that the boroughs were not mere unconscious organisms, subject only to the processes of a natural evolution. Fashion, a human element of deliberate artifice, will upset some of the nicest calculations of those who would interpret natural law; and perhaps some of the burgesses who may have lamented the loss of the commons' franchises and may have talked of degeneracy, were calmed when they learned that Leicester was only doing what all the best boroughs were doing. They felt, it may be, that the past confusion was a confession of immaturity, that the time to put away childish things had come, that the discipline of a riper age was needed. There had been some advantages in the liberty of childhood, but what they looked to now was legal precision, to introduce order where there had been the danger of anarchy. The time to talk of municipal degeneracy is certainly not yet. We cannot date it as either of the thirteenth, the fourteenth or the fifteenth century.

The creation of 12 *wards.* A further testimony to Leicester's activity in reorganizing its borough government late in the fifteenth century is the account of the creation of 12 wards under 12 aldermen, for the purpose of borough-rate and police. The work was done in 1484. The old division of the town was into four quarters named after the four gates, an arrangement which Mr Round has shewn to be due to the scheme of borough-defence, when the provision of an armed force to protect the gates and walls was deemed of more importance than the provision of an effective civil police. The growth of the town must have necessitated some new arrangement, for the north quarter was empty and the Swinesmarket was crammed. The introduction of the old English word "alderman" was brand-new in this connection, and no doubt was taken either directly from London or from one of the neighbouring towns that was copying London[1]. If the early history of Leicester had been wiped out, the historian might have been tempted to regard these 12 aldermen as the oldest of Leicester's officers, perhaps as the 12 "lawmen" of the Danish burh; they serve as a useful warning.

Only those who were already on the Bench might be elected aldermen; there were thus 12 Brethren among the Four-and-twenty who had the title of Alderman. The alderman had power to punish summarily all disturbers of the peace; also all householders who did not repair and keep clean the pavement before their houses. If the alderman's punishment was resisted, he named the offender to the Mayor, who then exercised his summary powers as Justice of the Peace. The alderman thus had, besides power to punish, power to present offenders, without the concurrence of any jury. The alderman's authority was likewise to be invoked before any stray cattle might be impounded (p. 364).

The division of the 12 wards was guided entirely by the density of population. A "benevolence" to pay the costs of the charter was assessed in (generally speaking) equal portions upon each of the 12 wards. (The old division into four quarters still held for the King's subsidy (p. 331).)

iv. *The Social-Religious Gilds.* Leicester, like every other mediæval town, was in the latter half of the fourteenth century full of clubs, which by co-operation provided, for those members who had died, a seemly funeral, with prayers to release from purgatory, and for those members who were living, support in sickness or calamity, as well

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[1] The best account of the aldermen in London is in Round's *Commune of London*, pp. 241–3.

as a grand procession on the patron saint's feast-day, a club livery to wear at the procession, and a club dinner. Although a good deal of attention has been given elsewhere[1] to the Corpus Christi Gild, a brief re-statement, corrected by reference to the original gild certificate, will not be out of place here; the gild certificates of two other Leicester gilds are also here summarized for the first time from the originals[2], for they offer a charming picture of intimate social life; the names connected with each gild, so far as they can be known from the certificates, are also worth noting, as they nearly all recur many times in these pages as those of burgesses taking an active part in the business of the town.

Corpus Christi Gild. All that is known of the foundation of this (which, so far as we know, was in Leicester the oldest and most important gild of this type), comes not from the borough records but from other sources. In 1343 it was begun by Sir Ralph de Ferrers, John Hayward the Receiver, Gilbert the Avener (bailiff), John Porter, clerk, Geoffrey of Kent (Mayor), Roger of Knightcote, John Martin, John of Elmshall, Ric. Leverich (Mayor in the next year), Thomas of Beeby, John Cook[3] senior, John of Loseby senior, and William of Dunstable. The order of the names is noticeable inasmuch as four officers of the Earl precede the Mayor. The other names are in all probability those of Jurats. In 1349 besides the above there had joined also William of Humberstone, John of Peatling, mercer, William of Wakefield, John Cook junior, Richard of Stafford, Robert of Coventry, and Roger of the Wainhouse, names of constant recurrence in these pages, and very possibly all Jurats.

The objects of the gild were to provide chaplains at St Martin's to celebrate mass, naming every day the founders or "company" of 13 in the mass, and praying also for all past and present members of the fraternity. At the feast of Corpus Christi each member was to be provided with a torch, which he kept through the year; at the death of one of the gild, members must attend the dirge and the mass on the morrow, bearing their torches. Any of the fraternity who had fallen into poverty or sickness, so that he could not gain his subsistence, would be supported by the fraternity as the "company" of founders directed, and would be visited by gild members sent to inspect his condition.

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[1] North's *Chronicle of St Martin's*; Thompson's *Leicester*, 149—150.

[2] P. R. O. 70—72. Gild certificates.

[3] North has throughout read "Cue" (Cook) as Ive.

The rules for the government of the gild are more elaborate than usual, a further indication that the gild was one formed mainly among those who had intimate experience of municipal government. The company of 13 "founders" ruled the gild, and filled vacancies on their own body by co-option. If any of the gild proved to be an evil-doer, maligner, or contravener of the articles of the foundation, and, being twice warned by the two wardens of the gild (who were its officers or "sovereigns"), would not come to justify himself, at the third time he was to be attainted of the trespass before the "company," and then ousted from the fraternity for ever; the same penalty fell on anyone who was three times absent from the common assembly (of the gild), unless he had good excuse. The gild assembly met three times a year, when each had to bring his "affeering" or subscription. The "founders" alone had power to admit to the gild, and if the candidature of any person was opposed by one of the founders, the "company" of founders must hear the cause of the black-balling (as we should call it) and try it, and the opinion of the majority would be binding. The two wardens rendered account of the gild-receipt and expenditure on Corpus Christi day. The "hall" or meeting was in 1365 held in a room over the East Gate, hired from the borough authorities (pp. 140, 143). In 1495 and later the borough was holding its common-hall in the Corpus Christi Hall (pp. 350, 354).

Early in its history the gild invested some of its money in lands which the "company" vested in feoffees. The feoffees in 1392 were Henry of Beeby, Thomas Wakefield, William Humberstone, Ralph Fisher, John Cook, John London, Adam Shop (or Chapman[1]), John Spurrier, Thomas Winger and William Turner. The two wardens, Henry of Beeby and Thomas Wakefield, declared that they had in goods and chattels only 20*s*. for the support of two chaplains. The brethren and sisters, for by this time women had been admitted, had been wont, the wardens say, to carry torches in procession on Corpus Christi day, and sometimes they had dined together, each paying for his own "clothing" (a gild-livery or gown) and his own food.

In 1400 the gild consisted of two masters, and brethren and sisters, in all some 50 being named[2], who were probably the then living members. In 1458 the gild possessed a goodly rental, as we

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[1] See the Calendar of conveyances No. 79.

[2] North's *St Martin's*, p. 195. Losebay should be Lofeday (Loveday).

know from the fact (due probably to no mere accident) that the rolls of receipt and expenditure were deposited among the municipal records (p. 266 etc.). Exactly how the gild became possessed of so much land does not appear, though the conveyances of this period are numerous. There seems, however, to be reason to suspect that some of these conveyances, though they make no mention of the gild, were really intended for the gild's use. In one case a conveyance, which in the text has no reference to any gild-use, is shewn only by an endorsement to be a conveyance to a gild (p. 398). The gilds would seem to have obtained most of their land endowment under feoffments to their chaplains and some of their members, or to their wardens and some of their members, making no mention of the gild's "use." No doubt it was the expense[1] of obtaining a mortmain licence that led the gilds to be content with this form of trusteeship, although it gave the gild only a moral, not a legal, hold on the trustees. For the same reason some grants were made to the borough itself in this way (pp. 191, 199), i.e. to the then Mayor and bailiff and chamberlains, and other burgesses named, "and their heirs and assigns" for ever, instead of in the usual form to the Mayor and community and their successors.

The records in 1493—4 give a full account of the gild's receipt and expenditure. The receipts were some £42, of which £33 odd was from rents, the result of bequests. This rental far exceeded that of the borough-treasury (p. 258). The gild expenses were nearly as large as the receipts; for there were rents to pay to the King as lord of the borough, to the New College and the Abbey for tenements burdened with rent charges; many tenements were "decays," unoccupied or yielding no rent, and the expenses on repairs were heavy. Then there were the fees to the four chantry priests, and all the expenses incurred on the masses of the chantry. The charitable expenses appear to have ceased; one charge alone may possibly be ascribed to charity. The revenue of the gild was inspected by the "Mayor and his company" (p. 343), another point which brings out the close connection between this gild and the Mayor and Four-and-twenty. The word "company," often used in other towns to mean town-council, is here used in the gild-sense, no doubt, for the so-called "founders," the thirteen governors. But the

[1] The St Margaret's gild paid £10 for one of its mortmain licences, and Corpus Christi paid 40 marks to the King for another; and these licences were for rentals that were not large. Cf. also the payment of £20 to the Duke for a grant in mortmain (p. 204 below), probably to the Corpus Christi chaplains.

Mayor and many of the Brethren were, we may feel sure, among the company of founders. Still more striking is the position allotted to the two gild-masters or wardens by an ordinance of 1477, which made the Mayor, under certain circumstances, answerable to them, and made the Brethren answerable similarly to the Mayor and the two wardens. The rule was made "for the increase of unity," and for the "worship of the Mayor and of his Brethren of the Bench." The Mayor and two wardens of Corpus Christi Gild were directed to arbitrate between any Brethren of the Bench who had complaint to make against each other; a Brother of the Bench who took upon himself to reprove, rebuke or dishonour one of the Bench, rendered himself liable to be fined by the Mayor and two Masters of the gild, and, if he resisted the fine, to be imprisoned at the Mayor's command; if he were obstinate, to be deposed from the Bench and excluded from the fellowship of the Brethren. If the Mayor neglected to put the rule in force, he in his turn was subject to the same penalties, to be levied by the Masters of the gild. Then, in general terms, the Brethren were exhorted to speak good of the Mayor and of each other in every place and company. To conclude from this ordinance, that the Corpus Christi Gild formed, as such, any part of the government of the town would of course be a mistake. It means that disturbances among the Four-and-twenty, and disagreements with their Mayor were to be submitted to the two officers of a club or gild to which Mayor and Brethren all belonged as a matter of course, for it was the most fashionable club in Leicester. It was a common gild rule to forbid litigation among members until the Brethren of the gild had first tried their powers of suasion. At Leicester perhaps the authority of the gild-masters is deemed a safer authority to invoke for the settlement of the Brethren's disputes than that of the Justices or that of an outsider[1], but whether the ordinance ever proved workable seems doubtful. The Mayor might happen to be one of the Masters of the gild himself; in 1493—4 Swyke and Croft were Masters. Croft was Mayor that year, Swyke in the preceding. This was accidental, for in 1500 Roger Wigston and Richard Gillot were Masters, and neither had been Mayor for some time past. A case that ought to have come under the ordinance occurred in 1498—9, when Croft accused Trig, in the Court of Portmanmoot, of

[1] At Norwich aldermen were forbidden to sue aldermen before they had shewn their quarrel to the Mayor and Aldermen, and no alderman might be an arbitrator against another alderman. *History of Norwich*, 1768, p. 122.

disloyalty. The Mayor and Brethren met[1] to discuss the matter, but nothing was settled. Trig then obtained a letter from the Lady Margaret, whose tenant he may have been, complaining that, though Roger with certain of the Brethren had made his purgation (by oath), certain statutes and laudable customs had not been put in force. How the matter ended we know not, but Croft and Trig are afterwards found acting harmoniously together.

Gild of the Assumption. The lands of "St Mary of All Saints" are frequently referred to in the conveyances (Nos. 18, 24, etc.); the phrase is explained by the gild certificate[2] which recites the history of the Gild of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary in the Church of All Saints, as reported by the wardens Geoffrey Clerk[3] and William Morton in 1389. When the gild began is not stated, but it was in existence in 1346 as the conveyances shew. It was begun by 20 founders, of whom the survivors, Henry Leadbeater, Robert Poutrel and William Edelyn (names of frequent occurrence here), alone are named. The story told is that these persons, seeing at the Church of All Saints no chaplain but the vicar, agreed each to give 1*d.* every Sunday until they had enough for one "vesture" or set of vestments, one chalice and one missal, and the other altar ornaments. And that they might have these, others entered, and they agreed to have a chaplain to celebrate for them and for the souls of the faithful dead, and that each should pay to the chaplain's salary "pro rata." And then so many entered that they had enough for two chaplains. They agreed, too, that while any of the brethren[4] could not support himself by reason of sickness, thieves, fire or any misfortune not the result of his own default or negligence, then the others would support him till he recovered. All brethren attended the obsequies of a gild member and each promised to give 1*d.* to the poor, to win their prayers for the dead man's soul. If the brother died out of town, an obit was to be announced in three days and the same alms given. And because many had been remiss in payment so that the others had been too heavily burdened, it was ordered that each be sworn to contribute for the faithful carrying out of

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[1] In Corpus Christi Hall, it is true, but not before the Gild Masters so far as appears. The "common-hall" had already met in this hall on the occasion of an ordinary meeting (p. 350).

[2] P. R. O. No. 70.

[3] One of the burgesses summoned to the trial of the Leicester Lollards. Wilkins, *Concilia*, III. 209.

[4] There is no mention of sisters.

the mass according to his means. Two wardens were chosen to hire the chaplains, pay their salaries, and keep the other contributions for the relief of the poor and infirm, accounting faithfully for their receipt and expenses. All attended the mass on the day of the Assumption, ate and feasted together, and next day paid for the meal and for the chaplains and the charities, according to such a rate as seemed good to the collectors. And whereas the annual contribution seemed to some too heavy, some of the feasters acquired tenements and put in tenants, that their rents should be instead of contribution as far as they would go, and those who assigned no rent continued to make contribution. The gild itself had no lands, rents or possessions, nor were any enfeoffed to the use of the gild[1]. The goods of the gild included only the set of vestments, chalice and missal, and other altar ornaments.

The Gild of St John. This gild, which is not among the gilds whose certificates have been preserved, appears to start with a grant in 1355 (p. 100) from John Hayward the Receiver, Geoffrey of Kent (then Mayor) and Roger of Wainhouse, the feoffees of Peter the Saddler, who gave lands to the Hospital of St John, to support a chaplain to pray for the souls of the Saddler family and the Hospital's benefactors; the chaplain was to be appointed in full Portmanmoot before the Mayor and community, on the nomination of the Master of the Hospital, and the charter was kept by the town authorities. In 1464 the Gild of St John was under a steward (p. 282) and the chaplain is seen reading masses either in the gild-chapel, or at St John's at the town's end (the Spital on the Thurmaston road), where, it may be noted, the Lollard preachers William Smith and Richard Laytestath had gathered their audiences in 1389[2]. Under certain circumstances the gild chaplains read mass at the high altar of the Hospital in the town.

Gild of St Mary, St Margaret and St Katharine. This gild, one grant to which appears in the conveyances (No. 48), was founded according to the gild certificate[3] (returned in 1389), in 1355, by Richard of Beeby, Ralph of Shilton, Rob. Porter, Master John Porter, Henry Edmund, Will. Wainhouse, Henry of Baddesley, William of Glen, John of Stoughton, John of Knaptoft, John Deacon, John of Sleaford and Henry of Walton. Of the 13 founders, two were appointed "superiors" to rule the society, which supported two priests

[1] Thus mortmain was escaped.

[2] Wilkins, *Concilia*, III. 208.

[3] No. 72.

to celebrate at St Margaret's Church at the altar of St Mary, in honour of St Mary, St Margaret and St Katharine, and for all the brethren and sisters and benefactors of the gild. The gild met twice yearly on the feasts of St Margaret and St Katharine, to hear high mass; all who could and would dressed alike and ate together, and on the morrow the account was made and each paid his own expenses. If any brother or sister died, a hearse and torches were to be provided in the church of the parish where the death occurred; all attended the obsequies and also on the morrow at mass, if warned by the superiors. If a member died within twelve miles of Leicester the body was to be brought to the town with torches, and a hearse and torches were to be provided at St Margaret's Church. The admission of new members required the consent of the whole gild, but the 13 "founders" co-opted to vacancies on their body. Any brother or sister fallen into poverty through sickness, "thieves or false men" or by fire or water, was to have the aid of the society. Royal letters patent costing £10 authorized the gild to have lands in mortmain to the value of 14 marks. In 1389 the two wardens were Richard of Thringstone and Nicholas of Isley, who reported that the society had no livery and did not eat together or assemble at all, but that two chaplains had been regularly found, and that, as they were endowed with the rents of the gild, no balance was left in the wardens' hands.

St Michael's. This gild (mentioned 1361, p. 399) is not known from any other source, but no doubt it was of a similar type.

The gild of *St George*[1], destined to be prominent later, was in existence in 1499, when all the Forty-eight who had served as chamberlains were ordered to pay 6*d.* yearly to this gild, and those who had not so served 4*d.* "or more if they please." The phrase which refers to the "riding of the George," the gild procession (p. 293), in an ordinance on attendance at the Mayor's summons, dated 1467, is a later insertion and probably does not belong to that year.

v. *The Black Death.* It will be seen from the dates above given that, though some of the gilds were begun before the terror of the plague had become a supreme cause, driving men to co-operate in order to supply common religious needs, this cause hastened the development of new fraternities. The number of the faithful dead, and the scarcity of living chaplains made many more people feel the need of provision for funeral-insurance and for prayers after and

[1] See North's *St Martin's*, p. 236. Thompson, p. 208.

before death than had done so before. The parishioners in one case, the Jurats or a group of friendly burgesses in another, clubbed together to find a chaplain to recite the names in long lists at side-altars, and the vicars appear to have cordially co-operated.

But the often quoted statement of the contemporary Leicester chronicler, Knighton, that the number of deaths from plague at Leicester in the little parish of St Leonard was over 380, in St Cross (there is no parish of the name, but it is assumed that St Martin's, containing the High Cross, is meant) over 400, in St Margaret's over 700, and "so in all the parishes in great multitude," seems likely, from the evidence of the borough records, to be an exaggeration, such as was common to all mediæval writers when dealing with large numbers; possibly it may be interpreted as referring to an extended period of years. In 1361, when there was another disastrous visitation, Duke Henry of Lancaster himself is said to have died of the plague. If more than half of the population had been swept away within a short space of time at the first visitation, it is almost impossible that the town should have made so complete a recovery, financially and also to all appearance in population[1], by 1354. True the scarcity of records 1347—1350 may point to some disorganization during the worst years of the plague, but the Mayor's account 1350—1 gives no hint of a recent catastrophe. An account for the preceding year, now lost, had been rendered, and there are tallage-rolls for 1347—8. In 1350—1 the town was meeting heavy expenses, a King's tenth, a tallage of £21 for a writ of oyer and terminer, and the gild entries shew no falling off.

vi. *The Parishes.* A gild such as that of St Mary's of All Saints may be taken as illustrative of the affection for the parish churches shewn by the parishioners and others in this and the next century. The parish was slowly coming into prominence as a community organized on unmunicipal lines and tending ultimately to weaken the bonds that had held "the community of the borough" together. There is no trace of any inter-parochial jealousy yet, no gild consisting of members of only one parish. The collection for bridges made in the parish churches shews the cordial co-operation of the parochial officers with the "corporation" that is to be. The bell-man who rang the obits of gild-brethren through the town did so for all alike. The

[1] The tallage-roll is confused, but if the total of names be added it comes to 460 as against the 470 paying in 1336. The corrections may indicate an increase of poverty but cannot safely be read as deaths.

payments to and from the "town" chest to gilds and churches (p. 360) shew the town as a whole supporting the efforts of the several parishes for the enlargement and beautifying of the several churches, and later on in the next century the town's liberality is met with a like liberality from the wealthy gild of Corpus Christi, when the expense of a borough-charter fell heavy on the town. It is the Vicar of St Martin's who was among the first to lead the fashion of bequests to the borough, just at the time when the lease of the bailiwick would raise new hopes in the minds of the burgesses; it seems to have been his gift which formed the nucleus of the large Whetstone property (p. 147). Parsons of neighbouring villages were equally generous (p. 168). The selection of St Martin's, instead of St Nicholas', as the church of the Mayor and Brethren, comes out first in the payments to the clerk of St Martin's for ringing the prime-bell, to summon the gild, open the market, etc. The gilds in which the Four-and-twenty Brethren were mainly interested, Corpus Christi and St George, had their chantry chapels at St Martin's.

vii. *The Crafts.* The authority of the town government over the crafts was but rarely contested within the period treated here. The Leicester Records are curiously silent upon a topic which in many other boroughs begins to occupy much space just about this time. The Mayor and community in 1343 renewed the old rules for *fullers* and appointed wardens to inspect their work. The *mercers* as a body presented a troublesome mercer to the Jurats and did not exercise an independent control (p. 50). About 1379 two *weavers* were attainted for the thrums they used and were sent to the pillory by the Mayor, Jurats "and all their craft," that is, perhaps, by a jury of their craft. As there was general complaint of the weaving, the whole town elected two weavers as wardens to examine the weavers' work, and the two offenders were sworn to the King, to John of Gaunt and to his son, and the wardens also were sworn to visit and search the craft and to present offenders.

About the same date the *watermen*, probably the water-carriers, were forbidden to form a society and enjoined to serve the community faithfully (p. 197). They had probably attempted to regulate their trade by uniting as a gild[1].

In 1502—3 the *tailors'* craft-gild agreed, through their wardens,

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[1] The regulations for the carrying of water on Sundays (p. 295) though entered in the Town Book of Acts as for 1467, must belong to a later date, as the mention of aldermen shews.

that no tailor should set up his craft as a master, unless the wardens of the gild paid his entrance-fee as a member of the Merchant Gild (i.e. as a burgess). The "occupation" of the *bakers* was likewise under wardens, and possibly organized as a gild (p. 318). Whether the general oath of "occupations" taken by all craftsmen to execute all the good rules contained in the "ordinal" or book of rules of the trade, to obey the wardens and pay all the due fines, belongs to this period or not, is uncertain (p. 323).

There was talk of giving "the crafts" the control and responsibility for the Passion Play, when the players fell into debt who had hitherto given the surplus and their acting clothes to the "pageants" of the crafts, but the town-council seems to have decided to keep the control itself, and appointed a committee and two beadles to see to the guiding and ruling of the play (p. 297).

The interesting[1] list of shop-rents (p. 156) gives a good idea of the relative numbers of leather-workers, ironmongers, drapers, mercers, butchers holding booths in rows called the Mercery, the Drapery, or the like, and paying rent, while the town had its lease of the bailiwick, to the town and not to the lord. There were in 1440, 8 fullers, each paying walkermoll to the lord (p. 275) and fulling was done at Mary-mill (p. 236). The bell-founder Roger, named in 1307, had been succeeded by John of Stafford (Mayor and Burgess of Parliament) and by others. The seal of William Noble the bell-founder is a noteworthy example of a trade-seal (p. 416). Apart from the woollen trade, cutlery and leather-work appear to have been the most flourishing[2].

viii. *Police.* The absence of the records of those "Mickletorn" or "leet" presentments, which in some towns form the great bulk of the muniments preserved, leaves that chapter of the history of Leicester which should shew the system of police at work almost a blank. There is just enough evidence to give the outline of the scheme by which the town was divided into police-districts, but it is not possible in Leicester, as it is, for instance, at Norwich[3], to make out any of the original police subdivisions of the four great quarters. It would be tempting, but it is clearly not allowable, to take the twelve wards organized for police purposes under twelve

[1] Shewing which of the surnames still described its owner's trade.

[2] In the twelfth century Leicester had been famous for its coat-of-mail (Madox, *Exchequer*, I. 563, note f.), and an old rhymed verse mentions its razors. *N. and Q.* 6th s. VIII. 224.

[3] Cf. Mr Hudson's *Leet Jurisdiction of Norwich.*

aldermen in 1484, and view them as ancient subdivisions of the four wards, three in each; and it were tempting, also, to take the alderman to be the chief of the twelve (or more) chief-pledges of the tithings in each ward, and to point out that the alderman's duties are by no means unlike those of the chief-pledges, or "thirdborows" (friðborh), or "freeborrowes," as they were called at Leicester. It would be wrong to do this, because the one piece of older evidence that is extant is opposed to the idea, and shews that the newly pledged youths and new settlers were being enrolled, not in small subdivisions, but in each great quarter without subdivision[1]. In the four quarters we see evidence, as at Norwich, that each had its equipment of at least twelve (p. 154) chief-pledges[2], and these were the twelve freeholders who were required to make the presentments. Sometimes there are more (p. 153). The evidence comes from the Views of three out of what were presumably still four "townships" (for so they were called) (pp. 153—4). One is called the View of the Swinesmarket (p. 157) and was held at the Gildhall, one was held at the Berehill or Roundell just outside the East Gate, and the third at St Sepulchre's church just outside the South Gate. The missing quarter is presumably the North, for the tallage rolls were by this time no longer grouped as North, South, East and West, but as North, South, East and Swinesmarket, or North, South, East without the Gate and East within the Gate. The holding of the View just outside the town-gates, a practice which was the rule at Hereford[3], looks like an interesting relic of a remote past, but the key to its meaning is to seek.

The constables at Leicester were not as in some towns[4] identical with the decennaries, head-borows, chief-pledges or "third-borows," the heads of frank-pledges sworn to make proper presentments, but officers sworn to make the arrests and to order the watch (pp. 293, 322). The constable, first mentioned in 1467 (p. 293), is spoken of as a Mayor's officer. When the town was divided into 12 wards there

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[1] The lists being mere lists, not made interesting by any grouping, such as the Norwich grouping, they have not been printed (pp. 153—4).

[2] The term chief-pledge is not used here, but 12 persons are grouped in pairs, marked "franc'" and sworn, and these presumably were the "frank-pledges" *par excellence*, the heads of tithings. That the tithing system was carried out at Leicester appears from the Coroners' Rolls. The "third-borows" who appear later must have been the head-borows or chief-pledges of tithings.

[3] *Journ. of the Brit. Arch. Ass.* XXVII. 465.

[4] e.g. Nottingham.

was one constable in each of the twelve wards assisting the alderman[1]. Each ward too was provided with ale-tasters of its own[2].

ix. *Borough offices.* All who hoped to rise to the dignity of the Bench served a long apprenticeship[3] as testers of fish, meat, leather, of whom three, sometimes four, were chosen yearly; or as auditors of account representing the four quarters, twelve in all, three for each quarter (not necessarily resident therein), chosen by the common council; or as Stewards of the Fair; or as chamberlains, though the man who bought himself off from service as chamberlain was not excluded from the Bench (p. 381).

The increased dignity of the mayoralty comes out not only from the phrases which speak of that honourable and worshipful office (p. 278) but in the use of the titles "Master" and "Esq."; in the use of a mayoral seal[4], first mentioned in 1420 when a private person asks that it may be used because it is better known than his own. The fine for refusing the mayoralty was £20 (1490, p. 328). A mace, borne no doubt by the serjeant, was first made for the borough when the lease of the bailiwick was bought (p. 169). There are grants of land made in the fifteenth century to the mayoralty (pp. 269, 277). It is ordered that the Mayor's signature be not appended by a "writer" of official records until the Mayor has first affixed his seal (p. 290). Nothing is known of the names of the town clerks of this period, but there are abundant traces of anxious care for the borough records, not only in the careful keeping of the Hall Book, but also in the fourteenth century Mayor's accounts. These are full of entries which tell of the cost of the chest for the muniments and charters (p. 12), of leather bags for the rolls (pp. 46, 141, the "common bag" p. 15), of a skin of parchment for the "old book," perhaps that which is now known as the Vellum Book (p. 47), of "wine drunk in supervising the deeds in the common chest" (p. 77). When the chamberlains accounted, they passed to the new chamberlains indentures containing a list of the charters of borough lands (p. 165). The cost of the silk cord, of the writing and translation of a charter, of the hamper to keep it in, were all recorded in 1377 (p. 170). That charter is now lost. In 1492 (p. 341) all the charters and deeds were viewed in the "treasure-house" and a list is given which contains many which have been preserved.

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[1] So the Hall Books of the next period.

[2] This also appears more clearly in the next period.

[3] See the lists of borough officers, pp. 447—62.

[4] No impression has been found.

When the parchment rolls stop, the first paper *Hall Book* 1467[1]—1553, a carefully kept minute-book of the common-halls or council meetings, supplies the most interesting matter. It is called "the book that belongs to the Mayoralty" (p. 439). A considerable part of the substance of the ordinances has been made known ere now by the work of Throsby, Nichols, Thompson, North and Kelly, but some interesting entries have escaped previous notice, and in each case a comparison with the original text has led to the filling of numerous gaps. The changes introduced by a clerk of a later period who went carefully over the minutes, bringing the ordinances up to date after the introduction of aldermen and the change of the constitution, need to be specially noticed.

The *Vellum Book* begun in the fourteenth century contributes some lists of entries of the merchant-gild and an ordinance or two before the Hall Book takes up the thread, notes which are the more valuable as all other evidence of the borough-council's work is wholly wanting for this period.

A paper volume called the *Town Book of Acts*, begun in Edward the Sixth's time, contains some copies of earlier records and has been used to supplement the Hall Book, and to shew the later changes when an old act was partly copied and partly remodelled. The great parchment *Locked Book* contains transcripts of the reigns of Mary and Elizabeth, some of them being from documents of the fifteenth century.

Two documents of more importance perhaps for general than for local history have been included here; i.e. two proclamations presumably of Henry VII. which are of value as giving early indications of the policy he carried out later by Act of Parliament, in dealing with vagabonds and beggars, and liveries and maintenance.

It is not possible in an Introduction to do more than draw attention to some of the points of interest in these pages. It would be easy to fill a whole chapter with the illustrations they afford of the state of feeling during the troublous times of the Yorkist struggle for supremacy. On the other hand it is natural to look to the borough records as a possible source of side-lights on Lollard history, yet here they fail, for the loss of records leaves the burgesses of the Lollard period least-known. The burgesses summoned to the trial of the heretics Roger Goldsmith, Roger Dexter, Nicolas Taylor,

[1] The book opens with a list of the elections of 1477 and is accordingly dated on the binding 1477—1553, but at the end of the volume there are the ordinances made 1467—8.

Michael Scrivener, John Henry, and William the Parchment-maker, were Geoffrey Clerk, Roger Belgrave and Richard Burgh. In these pages it is the names of the orthodox judges which alone appear, Roger Belgrave in particular being frequently mentioned. It looks as if the upper burgess-class were orthodox, the humbler commons here and there heretical, but no argument could be established upon evidence so scanty.

In conclusion I would make known once more how much I owe to Mr W. H. Stevenson's revision; in the patient correction of my faulty pages he has done for the Leicester records what no one else could or would have done. Archdeacon Stocks has been as before unsparing of time and trouble in all that concerned the progress of the work. Again I have had the inestimable benefit of advice and correction from Professor Maitland, given me at a time when every moment was precious to him. I cannot sufficiently thank him. I would here further acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr Charles Sayle for his kind assistance in the description of the seals, and once more I would tender my thanks to the reader of the press for his valuable suggestions.

I send out this volume at a time when grief for the loss of Dr Creighton fills the hearts of the many who loved him. From the moment when the first impulse was given to the publication of the Leicester records he helped and encouraged it by every means in his power; all the preliminary steps were taken under his guidance. My task would never have been begun but for him; I would I might have finished it for him.

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xii, *delete* to the Danegeld.

xxxv, note 1, add a reference to *Hundred Rolls* I. 405 where Jakemin of Liège appears as a wool-merchant.

xxxvi, delete "In return the Mayor and community were to pay 10000 marks."

xlv, delete the sentence beginning "Probably a year's service."

li, delete the sentence beginning "The Norwich records."

2, *for* of the wood *read* Dubois.
for Charnwood *read* Charnelles.

4, *for* No. 19 *read* No. 23.

5–6, *for* of the wood *read* Dubois.

49, the same.

51, *to* endorsed *add* in a later hand.

324, The record XXVII. in Vol. II. should be inserted here.

389, *for* Robertus *read* Roberti.

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19, *for* Ordered *read* Mainperned.

20, the same.

27, note 1, *for* July 6 *read* July 13.

32, *for* pursuivant *read* heedful.

36, l. 17, *for* Jon. *read* Joh.
l. 34, *for* Heph. *read* Steph.

46, The record XXVII. belongs to 13—14 Ed. II., not Ed. III.

67, *for* butt-filling *read* ullage.

72, note 2, *for* week *read* fortnight.

80, add to note 3: "In 1335 he was King's yeoman and in 1341 a grant was made to him because he had been taken prisoner in the King's service in Flanders. He appears as Synkin Simeon in *Testamenta Vetusta*, p. 66, as executor of the Duke of Lancaster's will."

99, add to note 2: "Henry de Percy was husband of the Duke's sister Mary." *Test. Vet.* p. 66.

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111, l. 9, *for* Exaltation *read* Invention, *and for* Sep. 14 *read* May 3.

125, l. 16, *for* Matilda *read* Maud.
l. 26, *for* Tur Langton *read* Tilton.

128, add to note 2: "Cousin of Henry Duke of Lancaster," see *Test. Vet.* p. 66.

137, l. 12 from foot, *for* Rochewell *read* Rothewell.

146, l. 14 from foot, *for* Scheyesby *read* Scheþesby.

165, l. 12, *for* Clek *read* Clerk.

196, l. 8, *for* P' *read* seigneur, and in translation *for* Portmoot (?) *read* lord.

201, l. 1, *for* Honthorp *read* Houthorp.

202, l. 7 from foot, *for* oluston *read* Oluston.
l. 4 ,, ,, Gylde ,, Gylda.

253, l. 2 ,, ,, Whytton *read* Whyttow.

265, l. 14, *for* Vic' *read* Viscount.

282, l. 5 from foot, *for* Stewards *read* Steward.

284, l. 8 ,, ,, Lathepole *read* Lachepole.

293, l. 10, delete full stop.

307, l. 1, *delete* to.

316, l. 4 from foot, *for* a ny *read* any.

326, l. 3 from foot of text, *for* Tryng *read* Tryg.

333, l. 4 from foot, *for* Moleux *read* Molenx.

354, note 1, *for* 297–8 *read* 298–9.

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365, note 5, *read* 13 Ric. II. c. 13.

372, on payments at stones see Grimm, *Deutsche Rechtsalt.* pp. 535–6 (1899).

383, l. 2 from foot, *for* Tortpost *read* thwart-post (?).

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS IN VOLS. I. AND II.

†...† to mark passages struck through in the original.

†...† for *sic.*

a. r. r. for *anno regni regis.*

a. g. for *anno gratie.*

q^{t} for *quietus.*

* marks in the Gild Rolls after p. 64 of Vol. I. natives of Leicester who do not inherit seats. In the first Gild Roll (I. 16, note) and in the rolls of Vol. II. it marks strangers who pay for the bull. (See II. p. 5, note 5.)

s. p. for *habet sedem patris.*

Cath. Ang. Catholicon Anglicum ed. Herrtage.

Prompt. Parv. Promptorium Parvulorum ed. Way.

Wright-Wülcker. Wright's Old English Vocabularies ed. Wülcker.

N. E. D. New English Dictionary.

D. N. B. Dictionary of National Biography.

H. E. L. History of English Law by Pollock and Maitland.

V. B. Vellum Book.

H. B. Hall Book.

L. B. Locked Book.

SEALS. PLATE I.

1. Sigillum Communitatis Leyrcestrie. Box 13, No. 101. See p. 57.

2. Sigillum Joh*ann*is de Knighton. Box 10, No. 146. See pp. 397–8.

3. Here : loue : that : loue : unite. Box 19, No. 230. See p. 207.

4. Sigillum officii marescalcie hospicii domini Regis. Box 19, No. 232. See p. 209.

5. Henry IV.'s seal of the Duchy of Lancaster. "Sig*illum* Henrici dei gracia regiae A...de ducata Lan...." Box A, No. 254. See p. 222.

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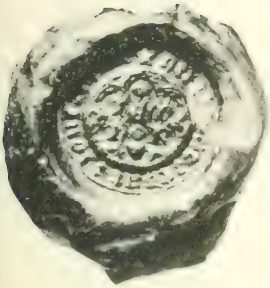

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SEALS FROM THE LEICESTER CHARTERS.

SEALS. PLATE II.

6. A merchant's mark. Box 12, No. 223. See p. 408.
7. Seal of William Noble, bell-founder. Box E, No. 275. See p. 416.
8. Queen Catherine's Duchy seal. Box A, No. 276. See p. 233.
9. A merchant's mark. Box F, No. 340. See p. 271.
10. A merchant's mark. Box G, No. 360. See p. 429.
11. A merchant's mark. Box G, No. 377. See p. 432.
12. A merchant's mark. Box H, No. 412. See p. 441.

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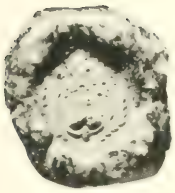

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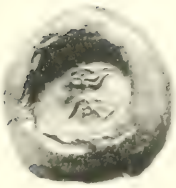

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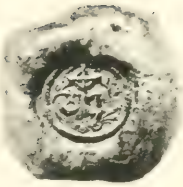

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SEALS FROM THE LEICESTER CHARTERS.

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PLATE III.

And for the firste ward begynnys at the hye crosse in Leycester on both sydes the strete northward to ye maires hall with Apull gate to saynt Nicholas chirche ye lane behynd the said chirche & ye blake frerys lane was chosen to be Alderman †Walter May. Ric. Reynold†. Mr Cotton.

The IIde ward to begyn †at† in ye highe strete at Mares hall lane & the Ded lane end on bothe sydes ye strete vnto ye Northe gate with saint Peter chirch yerd lane & saynt John lane. In whiche is chosen to be Alderman Miles Lambert.

The third ward to begyn from the Northe gate without vnto ye north bryge on bothe sydes Senvy gate on bothe sydes vnto saynt Margarettes chirche & Sore lane. †In† †Mr Nores† Mr Smyth.

The IIIIth ward to begyn at saint Margarete chirch vnto ye corner at ye litill Bryge without Est gate & Belgraue gate on both sydes vnto ye corner foryenst the berhyll crosse. In whiche ys chosen alderman †William Michell† Ric. Beston.

The Vth ward to begyn at Humberston gate on both sydes Galowtregate on bothe sydes & the Roundell. In whiche ys chosen to be Alderman †Richard Eyre. Thomas Burton†. W. Ba[r]tliat.

The VIth ward to begyn at Est gate on both sydes ye strete vnto Roger Tryges & Pexsallys. In which ys chosen to be Alderman † Robert Staples.† Ric. Gyllatt.

The VIIth ward to begyn at Roger Tryges & Pexeshall on both sydes vnto the hye crosse. In which is chosen to be Alderman †Robert Croft. Ric. Gillot.† Mr Renold.

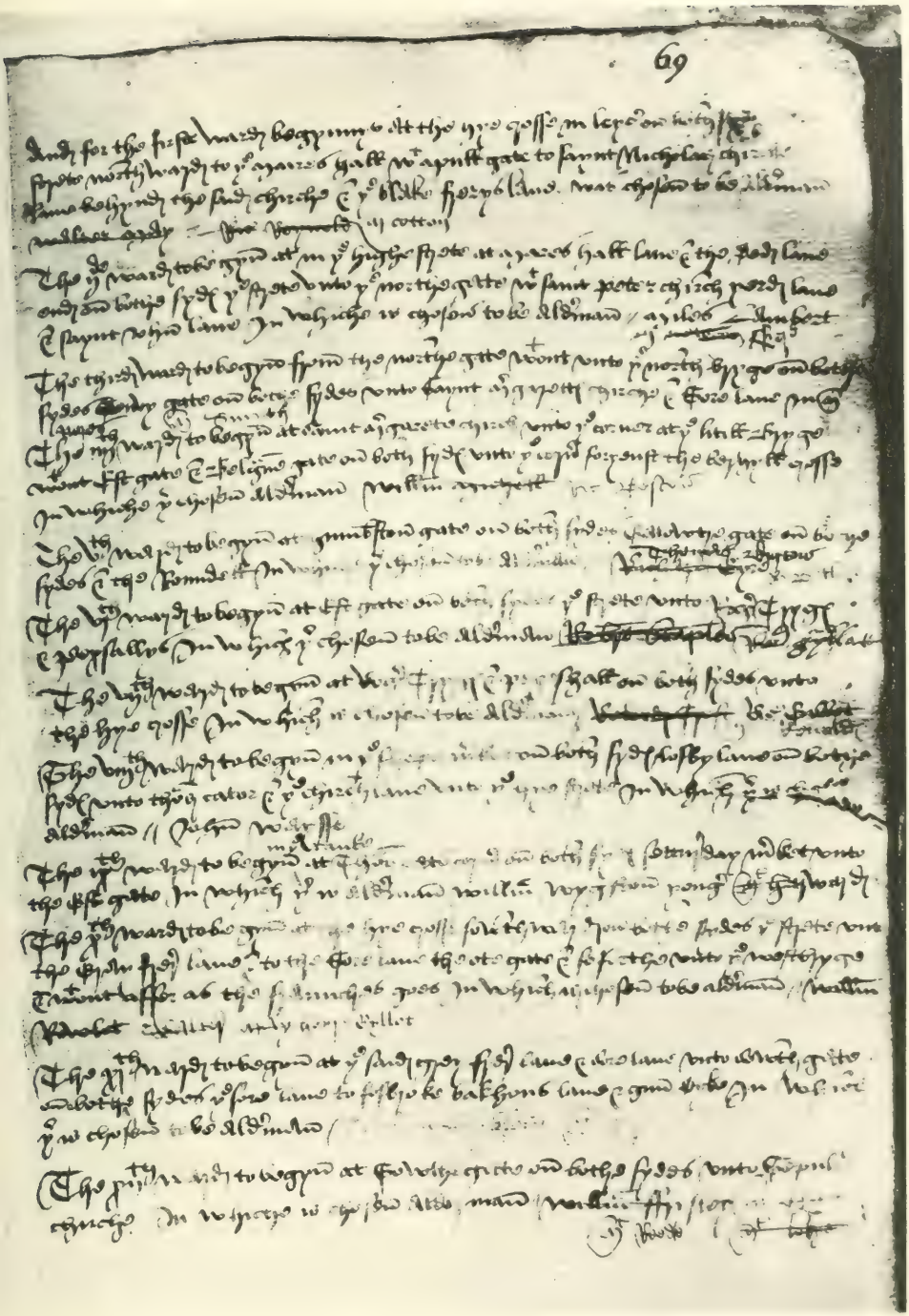
The VIIIth ward to begyn in ye shepe market on both sydes Losby lane on bothe sydes vnto Thomas Cator & ye chirch lane vnto ye hye strete. In which yere is chosen Alderman John Waysse.

The IXth ward to begyn in ye Canke at Thomas Catour corner on both sydes Setturday market vnto the Est gate. In which yere is Alderman William Wygston yonger. †Mr Harward.†

The Xth ward to begyn at the hye crosse sowthward on bothe sydes ye strete vnto the Gray Frere lane & to the Sore lane the [h]ote gate & so forthe vnto ye west bryge & without as fer as the fraunches goes. In which is chosen to be Alderman †William Rawlot. Walter May†. Henry Gyllot.

The XIth ward to begyn at ye said grey frere lane & Sore lane vnto Sowth gate on both sydes ye Sore lane to Fosbroke bakhous lane & gun dyke. In which yere is chosen to be Alderman †William Gybson†.

The XIIth ward to begyn at Sowthe gate on bothe sydes vnto Sepulcre chirche. In whiche is chosen Alderman †William Frysley. Mr Charite. Mr Lokye.† Mr Reede.



F. 69 OF THE FIRST HALL BOOK. See p. 357.

RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF LEICESTER.

I. *Coroner's Roll.*

Box 9, No. 203, 2. v°. [1327.] Placita Corone a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum primo.

Joh. de Busseby de Leycestria posuit se in ecclesia fratrum minorum Leycestrie die Sabbati proxima post festum S. Benedicti a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum primo. Et die Lune sequente coram Petro de Kent coronatore recognouit se interfecisse Radulfum Cokunbred de Leycestria. Et morabatur in eadem ecclesia per quinque septimanas et postea euasit.

Walt. de Busseby de Leycestria posuit se in ecclesia S. Martini Leycestrie die et anno supradictis et die Mercurii sequente coram coronatore recognouit se receptasse Johannem fratrem suum felonem domini Regis scientem ipsum interfecisse Radulfum Cokunbred. Et

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I. Pleas of the Crown in the first year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

John of Bushby of Leicester put himself in the church of the Friars Minor of Leicester on Saturday next after the feast of St Benedict (Mar. 28) in the first year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest. And on Monday following before Peter of Kent, the coroner, he confessed that he had killed Ralph Cokunbred of Leicester[1]. And he stayed[2] in that church for five weeks and afterwards he escaped.

Walter of Bushby of Leicester put himself in the church of St Martin of Leicester on the day and in the year aforesaid and on Wednesday following before the coroner he confessed that he had received John his brother, a felon of the lord King, knowing him to have killed Ralph Cokunbred. And it was

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[1] On Ralph's enemies see I. pp. 377–8.

[2] He was kept in guard there, see the next entry.

preceptum fuit per coronatorem ex parte domini Regis quod saluo et secure custodiretur in predicta ecclesia. Et postea die Sabbati in festo S. Marci ewangeliste proximo † sequens †[1] in presencia coronatoris et balliuorum reddit se ad pacem et liberatus fuit per coronatorem Roberto clerico balliuo, ad saluo et secure custodiendum, de cuius custodia euasit.

Contigit die Sabbati proxima post festum Natiuitatis S. Johannis Baptiste anno supradicto in crepusculo noctis quod contencio erexit inter Willelmum Hauberk de Shaldeford et Willelmum filium Johannis le Blake de Leycestria in domo dicti Johannis le Blake, ita quod adinuicem litigauerunt vsque in regiam stratam et ibi quilibet eorum alterum vilificauit cum verbis malivolis ita quod predictus Will. le Blake percussit predictum Willelmum Hauberk cum quodam cultello iuxta mamillam sinistram vsque ad cor; de qua plaga statim obiit. Joh. le Sponere ipsum mortuum primo inuenit, qui statim leuauit hutesium vsque ad quatuor portas ville Leycestrie, que venerunt vna cum francipleg' et mandaverunt † coronatore et balliuo † Leycestrie, coram quibus capta fuit Inquisicio que dicit quod neminem habent suspectum de dicta morte nisi predictum Willelmum le Blake qui

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ordered by the coroner on the part of the lord King that he should be kept safely and securely in the said church. And afterwards on Saturday the feast of St Mark the Evangelist (Ap. 25) next following, in the presence of the coroner and bailiffs, he gave himself back to peace and was delivered by the coroner to Robert Clerk, bailiff, for safe and secure keeping; from whose custody he escaped[2].

It happened on Saturday next after the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (June 27) in the aforesaid year, in the evening twilight, that dispute arose between Will. Hauberk of Scalford and Will. the son of John the Black of Leicester, in the house of the said John the Black, so that they fought together even to the King's highway, and there each of them abused the other with malicious words, so that the said Will. the Black struck the said Will. Hauberk with a certain knife near the left breast even to the heart; of which wound he immediately died. John the Spooner first found him dead, who immediately raised the hue even to the four gates of the town of Leicester, which came together with the frankpledge[3], and ordered the coroner and bailiff of Leicester, before whom was taken the inquest which says that it suspects no one of the said death except the aforesaid Will. the Black, who fled immediately after the deed. He had no chattels and was

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[1] This mark will be used to denote what is ungrammatical or questionable.

[2] John of Bushby was pardoned Aug. 7 for the murder of Cokunbred, *Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1327-30, p. 123, and on Walter's arrest for theft and harbouring thieves see *ib.* p. 209.

[3] See I. pp. 369, 371.

statim post factum fugit. Non habuit catalla nec fuit in decenna quia clericus. Plegii inventoris, Will. Makepays et Joh. Baroun.

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not in tithing because a clerk. Pledges of the finder (of the body) (as above).

II. *Inquisitions Post Mortem on the Rights of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster.*

Box 13, No. 83[1]. [Feb. 22, 1327.] Inquest taken at Leicester before John of Bolingbroke, escheator of the lord King in the counties of Warwick, Leicester, Nottingham and Derby this side of Trent, on Sunday next before the feast of St Matthias the Apostle, in the first year of the reign of King Edward III., by the oath of Ric. Cagge, Ric. of Cranford, Sim. Norman, Will. Row, Ric. of Hoby, Ric. Anlep (Wanlip), Rob. the Porter, Will. Palmer, Rog. Goadby (?) Rob. of Birstall, Nic. the Welshman, Mat. Martin, who say on their oath that Thomas late Earl of Lancaster held in his demesne, as of fee, on the day he died, from the lord Edward late King of England, father of the lord now King, the castle and honour of Leicester in the county of Leicester from the said lord Edward father of the lord now King, by the service of two fees and half the fee of one knight. And there is at Leicester a certain castle which is worth nothing a year beyond reprises. Also there is there a certain chief messuage which is worth yearly as (ut) in herbage in summer 12*d.* There are there four carucates of (arable) land, with meadows and pastures adjacent, which are rented from of old at £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, at the feasts of Easter and of St Michael by equal portions. There are there two wind-mills and two water-mills which are worth yearly £3. 6*s.* 8*d.* There are there six common ovens which are rented at the said two terms at £10. There is there the toll of market which is worth yearly £2[2]. There is there the toll of a fair at the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3) yearly, which is worth yearly £1. There is there the tronage of wool at the feast of Pentecost yearly, which is worth yearly £17. There is there the rent of divers free tenants at the feast of Candlemas, Whitsuntide and Michaelmas £24 by equal portions. There are there certain views[3] held yearly after Easter and Michaelmas which are worth yearly £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* There is there a certain court which is called *Portemanmot* which is worth yearly £2. There is there a certain fishery in defence[4] in the Soar, which is worth yearly 6*s.* 8*d.* Sum total of the castle and honour of Leicester £93. 1*s.* 0*d.* The same persons say that the aforesaid Earl held on the day of his death, in his demesne as of fee, the Manor of Hinckley[5]. They say that Henry of Lancaster, brother of the said Thomas, late Earl of Lancaster, is his nearest heir and is of age 40 years and more. In witness whereof to this inquest the jurors have set their seals.

(Examined by H. Elsynge 3 Dec., 1605. It agrees with the record.)

Box 13, No. 84[6]. [May 26, 1327.] Inquest into the Lincolnshire property of the late Earl.

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[1] A copy made probably in 1605. Collated with original (*Inquisit. post Mortem*, 1 Edward III., no. 88, skin 25.

[2] This passage is underlined. The reasons why the corporation obtained copies of these records in 1604–5 are explained in Thompson's *Leicester*, I. p. 330 sqq.

[3] Views of frankpledge. [4] I.e. preserved.

[5] The original adds "in the aforesaid county of the aforesaid lord Edward, father of the present King, as a parcel of the said castle by the service aforesaid etc."

[6] A copy made in 1604. Cf. *Cal. Inq. P. M.* II. 7.

III. *Lists of Members of the Merchant Gild.*

Box 2, No. 60. Memorandum de nominibus qui intrauerunt Gyldam Mercatorum tempore Regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum anno primo.

Johannes Alsy maior, a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum primo.

Walt. le Tauerner, Adam le Boys, Reg. de Tydelsale[1], Hen. Vnderwode filius et heres Willelmi Vnderwode (s. p.[2]), Laur. Fikeys, Magister Joh. Cocus.

Anno secundo, Roberto de Stretton tunc maiore[3].

Tho. de Brantyngthorp, Joh. Kelyng, Joh. de Burton, Will. de Melton, Ric. de Walcote, Nic. de Assheby la Zouch frereman[4], Will. de Barnesby, Will. le Spicer, Joh. de Claybrok, Ric. de Foston, Rog. de Claybrok, Will. Bate, Tho. de Wodehouses, Joh. Bateman, Joh. Botte, Will. de Clowneham, Rog. le Hunte, Will. Faber ad portam borialem, Rad. de Gaddesby, Joh. le White, Joh. Joye, Will. le Mareschall ad portam occidentalem, Will. de Wolueye, Will. fil. Willelmi le Cu[5], Joh. Attehall, Rob. Dalcok, Rob. de Sutton, Ric. le Brewstere, Mat. de Langeport tanator, Rog. le Chaundeler, Joh. de Belegraue pelliparius[6], Ric. fil. Johannis Norman, Will. de Branston sherman, Will. fil. Willelmi le spicer, Will. de Malteby coteler, Steph. le Belleyetere[7].

Anno tercio. Idem Robertus tunc maior.

Joh. fil. Willelmi de Waynhous, Will. fil. Willelmi de Wylughby de Knyghton, Will. le White, Joh. de Louseby, Rob. de Foston clericus, Hen. le Nedelere[8], Rob. de Kayham, Joh. de Querndon, Christoforus de Enderby, Will. Paruus cocus, Joh. le Porter, Will. de Stapelford, Joh. de Hodings iunior, Joh. Lamb.

Anno quarto, Henrico Merlyng tunc maiore.

Ric. le Plomer, Will. de Kent, Hen. Patryk, Power le Walkere[9], Will. Brock, Rob. de Stonton, Hen. le Ussher, Joh. de Staunton, Joh.

Note of the names (of those) who entered the Gild of Merchants in the time of King Edward the third after the Conquest, in the first year.

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[1] In roll 27 Tiddessale, ? Tiddesley. [2] Has his father's seat, no payment.

[3] The rolls are missing till 6 Ed. III.

[4] Servant of the Friars probably at Leicester not Ashby-de-la-Zouch for no house of friars is known to have existed there. [5] The Cook.

[6] Skinner. [7] Bell-founder. [8] Needle-maker. [9] See p. 56 n. 1.

Scote, Adam Herbert, Joh. Sturdy, Rog. de Croxton, Joh. Steyn, Joh. de Thurmeston, Joh. Breueytour[1], Will. de Assheby carnifex, Tho. de Threngeston, Ric. Kypping, Rob. de Stoughton, Joh. de Barkeby, Pet. de Montesorell, Rob. le Longe de Sutton, Will. de Berleston parmonter[2].

Anno quinto:

Galf. de Northburgh, Rob. de Maluerne, Joh. de Drayton, Joh. Samuell, Rob. de Beby draper, Serlo de Norton dictus de Cosington, Joh. de Knyghtecote, Joh. de Helmissale[3], Rob. de Branston barber, Will. de Thorp Seccheuill, Will. Gaylard, Joh. de Tokeby barkere, Galf. le Cuppere, Tho. Rodecok, Will. Fox coteler.

Anno sexto Johanne Marewe tunc maiore.

Galf. de Condelowe de Ansty, Hen. de Kayham tanator, Tho. de Buskeby[4], *Joh. de Knyghton[5] (sutor[6]), Tho. Deth, Rob. le Clerk tabernarius, Joh. Wrenche, Ric. le Ryuers forestarius, Will. de Keldale coteler, Rog. fil. Ade Pestell, Will. Curteys, Joh. de Enderdeby tanator, Hugo de Braunston sherman, Joh. de Foston cissor, Ranulphus le Sawere, Tho. Gegge pistor, Ric. de Notyngham fysshere, Joh. de Couentre cocus, Rob. de Bottlesford, *Rob. de Couentre mercer, Joh. de Bigenhill pistor[7].

Anno septimo. Idem Johannes tunc maior.

Joh. atte Walshehalle, Will. de Lincolne (coteler[8]), *Will. fil. Johannis de Melton, Rog. de Neubolt, Will. de Stretton Ilbert[9], Will. de Ernesby, Tho. le Tauerner samitere[10], Ric. Scothorn, Joh. de Preston ferour, Joh. le Faukener, Joh. fil. Roberti le Mareschall, Will. le Blake bucher, Will. Russell senior, quondam seruiens Reginaldi Pestell, Nic. Hendeman de Tameworth, Joh. de Turueye[11], Will. Hendeman de Tamworth, *Ric. fil. Thome Wyngere, Rob. de Lycchesfeld whittawere, Ric. de Reuede[12] forester[13].

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[1] Breveter, one who carries brevets.

[2] ? clothier. See note 10 to 1. p. 16.

[3] Elmsall.

[4] From roll 33 the further name Joh. de Tirlington tanator, can be supplied.

[5] The rolls of the gild shew those marked * paying for the bull, as strangers.

[6] Supplied from roll 33.

[7] The total gild-payment entered on the roll is ix*li.* xvi*d.*

[8] Supplied from roll 34.

[9] Roll 34 calls him Ilbert de Stretton.

[10] Maker of samite, a rich silk stuff.

[11] Turvey, co. Bedford, or perhaps Tournai. The roll 34 shews him pledging 40*s.* for the bull and a cask of beer, but he is excused all for 40*s.* by the Mayor and Jurats.

[12] Read? co. Lanc. *Close Roll. Cal.* 1329, p. 492, and index.

[13] Total x*li.* vi*s.* from roll 34.

Anno VIII. Johanne Martyn tunc maiore.

Will. de Sutton, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Grom (cellar[1]), Hen. de Belegraue barkere, Hen. de Halughton dextere, Hen. Aldyth (s.p.), Rob. Kelyng, Hen. de Wylughby, Joh. Wade mercer, Rog. de Kyngeslane, Gilb. le Forester, *Rog. Mayhew, *Rog. de Knyghton mercer, *Rog. Othe Waynhous, Milo Samme (s.p.), Joh. de Trafford, Tho. de Okham barkere, *Hen. Russell, *Joh. fil. Reginaldi Pestell, Will. de Tilton de Coppelowe pistor, Adam de Oke walkere, Tho. de Beby mercer, Rog. quondam seruiens Elene de Minsterton, Alanus Teyt piscator, Will. Heym de Foston pannarius, Rob. de Merkefeld sutor, Hen. de Rokeseye de Harewe, Joh. de Wenlingburgh piscator[2].

Anno nono, Johanne Leuerich tunc maiore[3].

Joh. Cat[4] sutor, Hugo de Walton drapere[5], *Tho. fil. Thome Wyngere[6], Will. Page pistor, Ric. de Wenlesbergh walkere[7], Joh. de Paris mercer[8], Simon le Curreour, Mich. le Walkere, Joh. de Wenlesbergh walkere, Will. Beler mercer, Hugo de Beby mercer, *Joh. Sturdy iunior, Rob. le Staleworth sutor, Joh. de Oundele sausere[9], Galf. le Lorimer, Hugo Odam de Mountsorell, Rob. le Ladde, Ric. le Large, Joh. de Ryppele faber, Alanus de Humberston, Joh. de Rolleston coteler[7], Rob. de Braunston pistor[10].

Anno X, Willelmo Wareyn tunc maiore.

Ric. de Kyrketon cocus, Joh. de Braunston dextere, Ric. de Boseworth, Rob. de Mardefeld pistor, Walt. Baron sutor, Hen. de Wykingston sutor, Tho. de Abbathia pistor, Will. Rough mercer, *Adam fil. Walteri le Barkere, Pet. de Worthington, Ric. de Thorneton (clericus[11]), Hen. de Weston drapere, Joh. de Sibbesdon shethere, And. Sweyn, Will. de Turueye[12], Joh. Broun mercer, Adam Huggessone, Joh. de Pakyngton elymaker[13], Rob. de Aston tanator.

Anno XI. Johanne Alcy tunc maiore.

Joh. fil. Hugonis de Evyngton irnemonger, *Joh. fil. Rogeri de Braunston, Joh. fil. Johannis Norman dextere, Tho. de Childecote coupere, Joh. de Sutton barkere, Joh. de Foston mercator, Ric. de Glen tannator, Adam Edrytch, *Joh. fil. Roberti de Stoghton, *Iuo

[1] Added from roll 120. [2] Total, roll 120, x*li.* iv*s.*
[3] In roll 144 a cask of beer begins to be pledged together with the bull.
[4] 'Le Cat,' roll 144. [5] Called pannarius in roll 144.
[6] Roll 144 adds also Joh. fil. Thome Wynger.
[7] Paid 13*s.* 4*d.*, roll 144.
[8] Fee reduced to 6*s.* 8*d.* on account of poverty, roll 144. [9] Salter.
[10] Entries worth ix*li.* v*s.* iv*d.* in roll 144. [11] Supplied from roll 145.
[12] See note 11 on p. 5. [13] Maker of oil; eliman is a more usual form.

le Taylour fil. Johannis de Stretton (s.p.[1]), Adam Caynard dysshere, Joh. Dame[2] Emme, Will. Gegge sutor, Adam de Houby clericus, Ric. le Vsshere, Rob. of the North chapman, Joh. de Baddesle, (Et de Edmundo de Welles nichil, quia recessit ante diem solucionis sui extra villam[3]).

IV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 27. Roll of the Gild of Merchants in the time of John Alsy, 1 Ed. III. (Similar to the list in III.)

V. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, Roll 118. [1327–8.] Account of John Alsy, mayor (Sep. 29, 1 Ed. III., to Sep. 29, 2 Ed. III.), for all receipts and expenses touching his office.

He answers for 4*s.* received from the four booths under the solar of the hall of the Gild.

He answers for 10*s.* received from Walter the Taverner (and other Gild-fines). Total £19. 17*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. In gifts. He accounts in one present sent to the wife of Ric. de Rivers[4] on St Francis's Day at the Friars Minors, on the fifth day after Michaelmas (bread, wine, beer). (And to John de Kinardeseye, and to the wife of Rob. of Gaddesby.) Total 8*s.* 6*d.*

He accounts in the expenses of the King's Marshal and of his servants (staying four days, in December, bread, wine, beer, large meat bought, roast meat bought), 6 hens bought for 9*d.*, hard fish, 100 herrings bought for 15*d.*, codling, fresh fish, 5 lbs. almonds 10*d.*, rice, raisins, 1 lb. sugar 1*s.* 2*d.*; for Sunday, large meat, 2 geese 6*d.*, a porker 3½*d.*, 4 hens 6*d.*, poultry 4*d.*, 1lb. ginger 1*s.* 2*d.*, mustard and other condiments (salsamentis) 4*d.*, 8 lb. Paris candle 1*s.* 2*d.*, litter for beds and horses, hay for ten horses for four days and three nights 3*s.* For 1 quarter, 1½ bushel, of oats bought for the same 3*s.* 9*d.* For shoeing them 11*d.* In white grease (pinguedine) bought 1*d.*, for mending saddles 4*d.* In coal[5] and wood 2*s.* To two messengers 5*d.* Total £2. 4*s.* 10½*d.*

He accounts for £6 paid to the Marshal for the fine of the whole town. (To his clerks, grooms, his chamberlain, cook, palfrey-man, and two grooms, to Will. of Walden, to the crier, to the measurer, to Master Tho. of Gretton and his clerk.) Total £7. 4*s.* 7*d.*

He accounts in a gift sent to the King and Queen at that time in bread bought 11*s.* 8*d.*, in a tun (dol') of wine bought £4. 13*s.* 4*d.* In two carcases of beef bought 32*s.* In five pigs' carcases bought 18*s.* 4*d.* In porterage of this gift to the castle 10*d.* In four baskets bought for carrying that bread 1*s.* 4*d.* Total £7. 17*s.* 6*d.*

(Gifts to the wife of Sir Will. le Blound, to the Steward, to Sir Tho. le Blound's wife, after Candlemas, bread, wine and beer.) In a gift sent to the taxors of the

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[1] So roll 122. [2] Master.

[3] Supplied from roll 122. From Edmund of Wells nothing, because he withdrew outside the town before the day of his payment.

[4] Or le Rivers, forester, see above, p. 5. [5] Or perhaps charcoal.

twentieth[1], viz. to Sir Hugh of Prestwold, one of them (bread and wine), to Roger of Belgrave his fellow (bread, wine), to Sir Robert de Malmesthorp, Sir Walter of Friskney, Justices of the lord King assigned after Hokeday (bread and wine). To Sir Roger of Guilsborough (Gildesborough) at that time (bread, wine). In a present sent to Sir Robert Burdet coming through the lord (Earl) to enquire of misdeeds done to the servants of the lady Queen[2] and Le Mortimer (bread, wine). In a present sent to Sir Henry of Hanbury the new Steward (bread, wine). To Sir John de Kinardesey and Sir Ric. de Rivers (bread, beer). To the said Justices after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz. to Robert and Walter (bread, beer). To Sir Will. Blound dining (gentanti) at the house of Hen. Merlin after Pentecost (wine). For the dining of the said Sir William and the esquires of the lord Earl at the house of Rob. the Spicer of York another time 3*s.* Total £1. 11*s.* 6½*d.*

He accounts for 6*d.* given to a certain chief messenger of the lord King. To other messengers and cockins through all the year 1*s.* 8*d.* Total 2*s.* 2*d.*

Necessary Expenses. He counts in 3 cartloads of stone from Swannington[3] bought for the North Bridge 1*s.* 6*d.* For carriage of the same with three hired carts 3*s.* 3*d.* In two cartloads of limestone bought for the same 2*s.* 4*d.* In a cart hired for two days for carrying hard stone and sand to the same 2*s.* In the wages of two masons hired for one week for the same 3*s.* 4*d.* In the wages of a groom hired to serve them during that time 9*d.* In the wages of a paver (working) on the bridge 3*d.* In the wages of a woman helping them to collect stones out of the water and this for one day 1*d.* Total 13*s.* 6*d.*

He accounts for 5*s.* paid to Master Peter of Bagworth mason, in payment of his whole wage on the West Bridge.

[v°.] He counts paid to the serjeant of the community for his service 7*s.* 8*d.* Paid to the clerk of the community for his service 6*s.* 8*d.* And there is allowed to the Mayor for the table of his clerk 40*s.* In parchment bought 6*d.*

Note that John Alsy rendered his account on Thursday the feast of St Matthias the Apostle [Feb. 24], 1 Ed. III. before Rob. of Stretton then Mayor, Will. of the Wainhouse, John of Norton, Will. of Goadby, John of Derby, Will. the Palmer, Geoff. of Staunton, John Martin, Rob. the Porter, Ric. of Walcote and others, auditors assigned for the said account. And the sum total of his receipt was £19. 17*s.* 8*d.* And the sum total of his charges and expenses as appears by particulars below (i.e. above) written, £23. 1*s.* 6*d.*[4] And so all accounts being accounted and allowances allowed the expenses and charges exceed the receipts £3. 3*s.* 10*d.*, in which the community is bound to the said John. And the said John will acquit the said community against all creditors.

VI. *Writ from Edward III. to the Sheriff.*

V. B. No. 28[5]. [May 9, 1329.] Edward by the grace of God King of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine, to the Sheriff of Leicester and Warwick greeting. Whereas the lord Henry[6] sometime King of England, our great-grandfather, by his charter, which the lord Edward late King of England, our father,

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[1] Granted by the parliament held in Sep. 1327 at Lincoln, to defray expenses for the campaign against the Scots.

[2] Queen Isabella.

[3] Limestone and granite are still quarried there.

[4] For £25. 2*s.* 6*d.*

[5] A fourteenth century copy.

[6] Henry III., see I. p. 54.

confirmed and which we have inspected, granted to Edmund his son, Earl of Leicester, that he and his heirs should have and hold all their lands and their fees with all their liberties and free customs free and quit of suits of shires and hundreds and of sheriff's aid, whether it be taken by hidates of land or carucates, and of paying money for murder-fine and theft, and of the pence pertaining to frankpledge, and "thol" and "theam," "infongindethef" and "outfongindethef," "sok" and "sak," and that they should have quittance of their demesnes through the demesne of the king from pontage and passage, toll, portage[1], pavage, stallage, cornage and tallage, "gold" and "danenegold," "blodwite" and "fhigwite[2]" and works at castles, walls, bridges, parks, ditches, causeys and houses as in the aforesaid charter is fully contained.—We command thee that our kinsman and our faithful man Henry Earl of Leicester, son and heir of the said Earl be allowed to use and enjoy the liberties and quittances aforesaid in his lands and fees, as he ought to use them and as he and his ancestors were wont reasonably to use and enjoy the liberties and quittances aforesaid, from the time of the making of the charter and of the confirmation aforesaid, releasing distraint made on the said Earl on this account, according as may have been just. Witness myself at Eltham, on the 9th day of May in the third year of our reign.

VII. *Notes of Arrears of Tallage.*

Box 4, No. 91, 2. [1333.] Note of the pence of the community to be levied from divers collectors underwritten as appears in their accounts elsewhere accounted and engrossed, which pence are to be levied in the time of Hen. Merlin Mayor of the town of Leicester 6 Ed. III., by aid of the community. And also from some of them late Mayors within the time aforesaid.

From...the collectors of the tallage assessed against the coming of the lord King towards parliament 1 Ed. II.[3], 63*s.* (and from others 23*s.* 1*d.*).

From...collectors of the moiety of a tallage in Easter week 34 Ed. I. for the gift made to the lord Earl and for the coming of the Justices of the lord King as appears by their account[4], 47*s.* 8*d.*

From Laur. le Seller and John of Burton for arrears of their account in the time when they were bailiffs, 15*s.*

From the said Laur. for the pledge of Nic. of Kent and for arrears of tallage for the lord Edmund Earl[5], 27*s.* 7*d.*

(And others.) From Peter Ounfrey for the time when he was Mayor 28 (Ed. I.). ...From Laur. le Seller for arrears of the time of his mayoralty 1 Ed. II., £4. 6*s.* 7¼*d.*

From...the executors of the will of John of Burton for arrears of his account as appears by the roll of account, £5. 12*s.* 0*d.* (And others.)

From Rob. Hose because he undertook to pay for the men of the fee of the Bishop of Lincoln as appears by his account among other arrears, £2. 13*s.* 0*d.* (And others.)

Note to enquire the names of the collectors of the tallage assessed for the expenses of the twenty men going to Stanhope (Stannop) Park[6], for they have not yet accounted. Total £33. 2*s.* 0*d.*

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[1] Cf. I. p. 36.

[2] For "fihtwite." The list is not identical with that in I. p. 36.

[3] See I. p. 254. [4] See I. p. 252. [5] Before 1296.

[6] Co. Durham. See below, p. 11.

3. It is ordered to levy the pence underwritten[1], viz.: From John le Marewe late Mayor for arrears of his account of the great tallage[2]. And for two accounts while he was Mayor in the 15th and 16th years[3]. £2. 1*s.* 8¼*d.*

From...collectors of a tallage of £20. 13*s.* 7*d.* assessed for the Marshal of the lord King in the 16th year, for their arrears 13*s.* 2*d.*

From the heirs and executors of Will. of Broughton and Hugh of Skeffington for their arrears on a tallage of £20. 3*s.* 7*d.* assessed for the Greenwax in the 17th year[4]....From...collectors of a tallage for 12 armed footmen in the 15th year[5].... From Geoff. of Sallow for his arrears as appears by his account rendered before Rob. of Stretton then Mayor....Total £5. 4*s.* 5¼*d.*

VIII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 33. [1332–3.] (Entries similar to III.) Geoff. Ridel came into the Gildhall on Friday after Hokeday before the Mayor and the community and complained against Rob. of Burton that the said Rob. threatened him and disturbed him in his office and in collecting pontage. (Robert could not acquit himself, pledged a cask-full of ale and found pledge to pay. It was pardoned him for 3*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid without fail if he offend again.)

IX. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 141. [1332–3.] Account of John le Marewe of the time when he was Mayor etc. (Sep. 29, 6 Ed. III.—Sep. 29, 7 Ed. III.)

Receipts. (Rent of Gild-booths 4*s.* Gild fines £9. 1*s.* 4*d.* From the collectors of a tallage assessed for the debt which the community owed Henry Merlyn from the time of his mayoralty £4; also from the collectors of a tallage assessed for the business of the community in the time of Robert of Stretton £1. 4*s.* 6*d.* And from the collectors of the tenth granted to the King in that year £2. 10*s.* £7. 14*s.* 6*d.* Total receipt £16. 19*s.* 10*d.*)

Expenses. He accounts in expenses paid to Ric. Leverich for the expenses of the King's Marshal, coming to Leicester at Michaelmas 6 Ed. III. and staying there for three days £1. 10*s.* Paid to three King's messengers 9*d.* The King's crier 2*s.* The serjeant of John of Claydon 6*d.* To Peter de Grete 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Leverich, because he paid in the Mayor's absence for the community's business 11*d.* To 4 runners (corours) of the King 4*d.* Expenses of the Mayor and six Jurats going in his company (comitiva) to Loughborough by command of the King's Marshal 4*d.* To Will. of Walden King's coroner sitting at Leicester for taking a certain accident (infortunio capiend') in the presence of the King[6] 6*s.* 8*d.* To Ralph le Sayes, chief messenger of the King coming from the Court by order (?) to[7] the lord King 2*s.* To his groom 6*d.* Total £2. 7*s.* 4*d.*

He accounts in a present sent to Sir Will. le Blount before Christmas 5*s.* 4*d.* To John de Freland, the Earl's Steward, at Martinmas (bread and wine). In two swans (signis) sent to Master Rob. of Aylestone for having his aid in the lord King's Court for the tenth granted to the lord King 8*s.* 4*d.* Sent to Roger of

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[1] MS. Pre' e' le' den' subscriptis.

[2] I. p. 343. [3] 1321–2. [4] I. p. 344. [5] I. p. 340.

[6] Edward III. was at Leicester Sep. 29—Oct. 2, 1332. [7] MS. pp^r versus.

Belgrave and his fellow, assessors of the lord King's tenth then sitting at the Friars Minors, in wine and spicery 1*s.* 2*d.* Paid to John Leverich going to London by the consent of the community to the lord King's parliament, for his expenses 18*s.* 6*d.* To John Hodinges senior, going to London to Master Robert of Aylestone concerning the community's business, for their expenses 6*s.* 8*d.* In one horse hired for Ralph the Black for the same 2*s.* Paid to the same for his expenses to York, and back to Leicester, for enquiring the truth about the roll of the lord King's taxations 10*s.* In the expenses of John Leverich going to York by the consent of the community to the lord King's parliament[1], going, staying and returning, for 22 days, £1. 6*s.* 11*d.* In the expenses of John of Knighton going in company with the said John to the said parliament by the community's consent 6*s.* 8*d.* In wine given to him coming from parliament, telling the gossip (narrand' rumores) to the Mayor and others 4*d.* To Ric. of Foxton, clerk of the Sheriff, making return of the names of the burgesses to parliament 2*s.* Total £4. 9*s.* 10½*d.*

He accounts in a present sent to the Earl by the consent of the community at Lady Day, in bread 15*s.* In a tun of wine £4. 13*s.* 4*d.* Given to Bertram of the lord Earl's pantry for his fee 1*s.* 6*d.* To his groom 6*d.* Given to workmen on the new work (Newark) in the presence of the lord Earl 1*s.* Sent to Sir Ric. le Rivers, that is in white powder, ginger, in comfit (gingiure, in confecto) 2*s.* 8*d.* In the carriage of a tun of wine to the castle 4*d.* In a present sent to Sir Ric. of Willoughby coming to Leicester for taking the assize (bread, wine, hay). In a present sent to Rob. of Aylestone coming to Aylestone at Whitsuntide, viz. 6 capons 1*s.* 9*d.*, 6 geese 1*s.* 6*d.*, 6 gallons of wine 3*s.* In porterage of the same 3*d.* In a present sent to Sir Ric. of Willoughby holding the assize at Leicester another time, i.e. at the feast of St Peter in Chains (Aug. 1), (bread and wine). Total £6. 6*s.* 10*d.*

He accounts in the expenses of Sir Ric. of Edgbaston, and Roger of Aylesbury, the King's Justices of the Peace for arraying men for Scotland, dining with the Mayor on Monday next after the feast of St Mark the Evangelist [Ap. 27], by the consent of John Alsy and other Jurats dining there (bread, wine, beer, large meat, geese, capons, hens, pigeons, chickens). In the tripe of a sheep with lard (in exitu[2] vnius multonis cum cepo) 4*d.*; in 2 porkers 7*d.*, in eggs 2*d.*, in 2 wastells[3] ½*d.* (coal and firewood, saffron, brawn). In the expenses of Will. le Blount dining at the tavern, and with him many of the community at (super) the expense of the community as appears by particulars (?)[4] elsewhere 18*s.* 9*d.* In two gallons of wine sent to him dining at the tavern on Thursday next after Hokeday 1*s.* 4*d.* (Similarly) to the Official of the lord Bishop of Lincoln for expediting the business of the community, in granting a letter of general sentence for the Roll of Stanhope Park (Stanop) and Gascony[5]. Paid to a certain proctor indicting and writing the said letter of sentence 6*d.* In the expenses of Hugh of Harborough, the Steward, and of Will. of Bagworth, the lord's Receiver, dining with the Mayor on Tuesday, St Margaret's Day [July 20, 1333]. Bread 1*s.* ½*d.*, 7 galls. and 1 quart of wine 3*s.* 7½*d.*; beer 2*s.* 4½*d.*, large meat 1*s.* 9½*d.*, 6 geese 2*s.*, 3 capons 9*d.*, 20 chickens 1*s.* 9*d.*, eggs 4*d.* In the tripe (exitu) of a sheep with lard 3*d.*, in 2½ lb. of almonds and powder of ginger 8*d.*, in mace (maces) and cloves (clouwes) 4*d.* In saffron 4*d.* (Coal and firewood, brawn.) In white powder and grain[6] (Greyn) 4½*d.*

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[1] Dec. 2—11, 1332.

[2] See *Swinfield Roll*, p. cvii.

[3] The best kind of bread.

[4] MS. ut patet per pquos alibi.

[5] Muster-rolls for Stanhope Park (see p. 9 above) and Gascony. The interference of the Official may possibly have taken place in connection with the Bishop's Fee.

[6] Grains of paradise, cardimonium, a spice. See *Cath. Ang.*

In wheat bought for feeding the capons and chickens, 1 peck (pecke) 3½*d.* Total £2. 14*s.* 2*d.*

He accounts in a piece of iron bought for making the seal for sealing measures 3½*d.*, and in making the same 3*d.* In the repair of a chest for keeping and placing the muniments and charters of the community, and in nails and boards (tabulis) bought for the same 1*s.* In the expenses of the Mayor, John Alsy and other honest men of the community, treating and discussing the business of the community at the tavern after the departure of the Justices that is to say of Sir Ric. of Willoughby, in wine 10*d.* Given to Henry of Winchester for having his aid in speaking good to the lord Earl and to his son for divers causes 6*s.* 8*d.* and a pair of gauntlets for 2*d.* Given to the Steward's groom 6*d.* In 9 lb. of mixed metal (mastlyng[1]) bought for a standard gallon 1*s.* 6*d.*, and in making the same 9*d.* In beer given for making the same 2*d.* Given to Hugh of Harborough, Steward of Leicester, a pair of hose (caligarum) price 1*s.* 8*d.* To his groom 6*d.* Given to Will. le Blount a pair of hose of scarlet price 2*s.* 8*d.* (Also to John le Blount and Sir Ric. le Rivers.) In a pair of hose given to John de Freland Steward, and for cutting them out (cissura) 1*s.* 7*d.* To John of Knighton coming to parliament and bearing his writ for his expenses arising from the community, a pair of hose (also to "Adinettus" the lord Earl's barber). To two men carrying timber blown down by the wind from the West Gate 2*d.* In the fee of Rob. of Foxton clerk 6*s.* 8*d.* In the fee of John de Hodinges common serjeant 6*s.* 8*d.* In parchment 6*d.* For the table of his (the Mayor's) clerk £2. In the wages of a man going to Tutbury and afterwards to Harborough to seek the Steward 1*s.* Total £4. 1*s.* 2½*d.*

Sum total of expense £19. 19*s.* 5*d.* So the expenses exceed the receipts £2. 19*s.* 7*d.*

[v°.] Note, to distrain John o' the Waynhous and his fellows to account for tallage assessed for the debt to Henry Merlyn to shew how much they paid to the executors of the said Henry.

X. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 34. [1333–4.] (In the time of John Marewe 7 Ed. III. Entries similar to III.)

Will. le Dexter acculpatus in pleno morewenspeche coram maiore et communitate tunc in aula gylde existentibus, quod amputavit subboscum crescentem in fossato ville, videlicet *Breres* et †ceteros† arbores ibidem crescentes, sine licencia et voluntate Maioris, ad dampnum totius communitatis ville, et in detrimentum Gylde sue:

X. Will. the dyer charged in full morningspeech before the Mayor and community then being in the hall of the gild, that he cut the underwood growing in the town-ditch, that is to say briars and other trees growing there, without the leave and goodwill of the Mayor, to the damage of the whole community of the town, and to the detriment of his Gild: who could not deny

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[1] See mastilʒon, *Cath. Ang.*

qui non potuit dedicere set petiit a maiore graciam et indulgenciam, dicendo quod huiusmodi noluit amplius facere contra communitatem et similiter vadiavit emendas maiori et communitati. Et taxantur dampna per assensum Juratorum ad xii*d.* Et soluit dicto Johanni le Marewe Maiori et quietus est.

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but craved grace and pardon from the Mayor, saying that he would offend no more in this fashion against the community and likewise he waged amends to the Mayor and community. And the damages are assessed by the consent of the Jurats at 12*d.* And he paid the said John le Marewe the Mayor, and is quit.

XI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 143. [1333–4.] Account of John le Marewe of the time when he was Mayor of the town of Leicester (etc.) (Sep. 29, 7 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 8 Ed. III.).

(Rent of shops 4*s.* and gild payments £10. 6*s.* He answers for £5. 14*s.* 10*d.* received from a certain collection for the lord King's Marshal coming to Leicester on Thursday before St Valentine's. And for 1*s.* received from Will. the Dyer for a certain trespass done in the town-ditch and 5*s.* from the executors of John of Stoughton, owing tallage arrears)—£6. 0*s.* 10*d.*—Total receipt £16. 10*s.* 10*d.*

Expenses and payments. He accounts in expenses and payments in a gift sent to the lord Henry, son of the lord Earl, on Wednesday, Michaelmas Day, in bread 10*s.*, in 2 iron barrels of wine 14*s.*, in 12 geese 3*s.*, in 18 chickens 1*s.* 10½*d.*, in 3 quarters of oats 6*s.*, in porterage of the said gift to the castle, and for two iron barrels borrowed (quesit') at the Abbey and sent back 4*d.* Given to the pantler for his fee 1*s.* In expenses of the Steward, Will. de Cloune, John Leverich, Ric. Leverich, Ralph of Burton, Geoff. of Kent, Will. of Goadby and other honest men and four sub-bailiffs dining with the Mayor (Sep. 29) (bread, wine, beer, sweet herring, hard fish, fresh-water fish and eels, apples, pears, nuts). In the expenses of the Mayor, bailiffs and many Jurats dining at the tavern when the Mayor was presented before the Steward at the lord Earl's Court 1*s.* In bread and wine sent to Sir Rob. of Aston, High Steward of the lord Earl[1] and to Sir Rob. of Hungerford and his fellows, auditors of the account of the said lord Earl, 2*s.* 8*d.* Sent to Hugh of Harborough, Steward of the lord Earl of Leicester on that day holding his feast (convivium) in bread and wine 1*s.* 5½*d.*—Total £2. 6*s.* 8½*d.*

Expenses of the King's Marshal. Presents and gifts. He accounts in the expenses of Robert Howel, Marshal of the lord King and his household (familie sue), coming to Leicester on Thursday next before the feast of St Valentine 8 Ed. III., staying there for 3 days, on his way to York and returning on Sunday in Midlent on his way to Woodstock, and staying one day and one night at Leicester at (super) the expense of the community as appears by particulars elsewhere annexed £1. 16*s.* 11¾*d.* In the fine made with the lord King £3. Given to Rob. Howel, King's Marshal, Mayheu[2] of Cambridge clerk, the chamberlain, palfrey-man, cook, crier, measurer and the grooms of the said Marshal as appears by the said particulars £2. 0*s.* 1*d.* In a present sent to Sir Will. †de† Blount and his wife on Tuesday after the feast of St Peter's chair, in Lent, i.e. bread, wine and

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[1] As Earl of Lancaster probably.

[2] = Matthew (Old French Maheu).

fruit 3*s.* 10½*d.*, as appears by particulars. Given to Ric. of Foxton, clerk of the Sheriff, to answer for the town of Leicester in the lord King's parliament at York[1] 6*s.* 8*d.* In straw bought for the wall of the Gildhall 1*s.* In the repair of that wall 2*s.* 3*d.* In 3 pieces of iron bought for the repair of the East Gate 10½*d.* Given to Alan of Crondall (Crendal') and his fellows, messengers of the lord King, coming from the King, 3*d.* Given to three other messengers of the lord King before Easter week 3*d.* In expenses of John le Blount dining at the tavern in the society of certain of the community on Monday next after Hokeday, 2 gallons and 1 pottle of wine 1*s.* 9*d.* Given to three King's messengers in Easter week 2*d.*—Total £7. 14*s.* 1¾*d.*

Present sent to the lord Earl. He accounts in a present sent to the lord Earl on his coming to Leicester at the feast of the Ascension, 8 Ed. III., in bread 10*s.*, in 1 tun of wine £4. 16*s.* 8*d.*, in 6 quarters of oats 13*s.* 7¾*d.*, in drawing (in tractatione) of the said tun to the castle 10*d.*, in beer given to the porters 2½*d.* In ointment for colts (in vncto pro pullan') 1*d.* Given to Roger the Messenger (le Messager) proclaiming the Mayor (clamand' super maiorem) in the high street and claiming a reward (munus) for himself 6*d.* Given to Bartholomew of the Pantry for his fee 1*s.* Paid for a new sack lent for carrying oats to the castle and sent back to the provender-house (auenariam) 1*s.*—Total £6. 3*s.* 11¼*d.*

Small expenses. He accounts in 2 gallons of wine sent to Sir Ric. of Willoughby and his wife, coming from Warwick on Friday next before Whitsuntide 1*s.* In a pottle of wine sent to Sir Will. le Blount at the tavern on the eve of the Consecration of Corpus Christi 3*d.* In expenses of the Steward, Receiver and Jurats dining with the Mayor on Tuesday before the Nativity of St John the Baptist, 7*s.* 9*d.*, as appears by particulars elsewhere annexed. Given to Ricard the Earl's fool (le Fol domini comitis) 3*d.* Given to three messengers of the King coming from the King on St James' day 3*d.* For 12 pullets sent to the wife of Sir Will. le Blount on St James' day 1*s.* 2*d.* In bread and wine sent to Sir Ric. of Willoughby coming to Leicester on Thursday before St Bartholomew's for delivery of the King's gaol 2*s.* 10½*d.*—Total 13*s.* 6½*d.*

Old debts paid by the consent of the community. He accounts paid to Will. Wareyn for old debt owed to him by the community for hoods (capuc') sold to the community 12*s.* Paid to John Leverich for a certain present sent to Sir Rob. of Aylestone for expediting (expediend') the business of the community 5*s.* 4*d.* Paid to Rob. of Foston, clerk, for his labour in writing and duplicating all the rolls of the crown after the last Eyre 13*s.* 4*d.*, by the consent of Hen. Merlyn, Mayor, and Rob. of Stretton. And afterwards in the Gildhall by the aforesaid Henry and Robert, John le Marewe, then Mayor, John Alsy, John Leverich, Will. of Goadby, John of Derby, Ric. Leverich, Ric. of Cranford, Geoff. of Kent, Hen. of Peatling, John the Cook, Rob. the Porter, John Brid, John Hodinges junior, Will. Waryn and many others of the community then being in the Gildhall, who by unanimous consent granted that he should be allowed for the said 13*s.* 4*d.* by the hand of Will. of Arnesby for his Gild fine. Paid to the said Robert for services and for his fee this year 6*s.* 8*d.* To John de Hodinges serjeant of the community for services and for his fee 6*s.* 8*d.* And for parchment this year 6*d.* And for his clerk's table, as appears in other accounts £2. In one lock (cerur') with a key and 1 staple bought for the door of the chamber of the West Gate 2*d.* In 2 cords bought for tying (ligand') the East Gate 2*d.* In mending a certain lock at the chamber of the South Gate 1*d.* Paid to Rob. of Foston for his expenses at (versus) the King's parliament at Westminster at the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

[1] Feb. 21—March 2, 1334.

8 Ed. III.[1], going, staying and coming back, for 11 days, 16*s.* 6*d.*, taking per day 1*s.* 6*d.* In one horse hired for him for that time 2*s.* Paid to Brice (Bric') King's messenger 3*d.*—Total, with the clerk's table, £5. 3*s.* 10*d.*

Sum total of expense £22. 2*s.* 2*d.* And so the expenses and payments exceed the receipts £5. 11*s.* 4*d.* And so there is owing to John le Marewe for the excess of his account on the two years, the sixth and seventh of the now King £8. 10*s.* 11*d.*

[Indenture attached.] [July 5, 1335.] Memorandum that on Wednesday next after the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul 9 Ed. III. John le Marewe late Mayor of the town of Leicester rendered his account before John Martyn, then Mayor of the town of Leicester, John of Derby, John Leverich, Ric. Leverich, Rob. the Porter, John o' the Waynhous and Ralph of Burton, the clerk, chosen and appointed auditors of this account by the consent of the community, before whom, on the said day and in the said year, he recited his account in the Gildhall for the time of his mayoralty, for the said years 6 and 7 Ed. III. (Totals of receipts and expenses in the two years named as above.) And so the Mayor and community owe the said John le Marewe on the excess of his accounts for the two said years as appears by the rolls of his account, clear £8. 10*s.* 11*d.* And the said John le Marewe shall acquit the Mayor and community against all creditors for all expenses and charges made in the said time. In testimony whereof, the one part of this indenture remains in the common bag (baga) with (versus) the Mayor and community and the other part remains with (versus) the said John le Marewe.

XII. *Collection of Pence.*

Box 4, No. 92. [1334.] Collection of pence for the expenses of the Marshal of the lord King, coming to Leicester at the beginning of Lent, in the eighth year of the reign of King Edward (III.) then beginning, John le Marewe being then Mayor.

Alex. of Bosworth made fine for himself and his wife...1*s.*

Rob. Pyke for himself and his wife...3*d.*

Geoff. Fish for himself...6*d.*

(and 285 names; the sums are all small; total not added.)

XIII. *Mayors' Accounts.*

Box 6, No. 149. [1334–5.] Particulars of all the expenses of John Martyn in the time of his mayoralty the eighth year.

In a present sent to the lord Earl of Lancaster at Christmas in 2 sesters (cestr') of Cretan wine price 8*s.* In one swan bought for the same, 6*s.* In one heron (herone) 3*s.* Sent to him at the feast of Quinquagesima (carniprivii) 12 partridges 2*s.* (torn) lampreys (laumpreys) price 3*s.* 4*d.* In one tun of wine sent at Whitsuntide £5, and given to the porters for carriage 6*d.*—Total £6. 2*s.* 10*d.*

In expenses of the Steward[2], Roger of Belgrave Justice of the Peace, the Receiver, Gilbert Forester and their clerks and grooms and 8 Jurats of the town of Leicester and other honest men dining with the Mayor when the Mayor was presented in the Earl's Court. In bread 1*s.* 6*d.*, 10 gallons of wine 5*s.*, beer, i.e. 40 gallons, 3*s.* 4*d.*, in beef meat 6*d.*, in 5 chickens 1*s.* 8*d.*, in 8 geese 2*s.* (at 3*d.*

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[1] Sep. 19—23, 1334.

[2] Hugh of Harborough.

each), in 24 pigeons price 8*d.* In partridges and other poultry (volatil') 1*s.* 6*d.* In eggs 6*d.* In powder and saffron 1*s.* In 12 hens 2*s.* In paste and baking them with the cook's wage dressing the food (reparant' comest') 1*s.* In a pouch (pouche) given to the Steward with 3*s.* 4*d.* in it, 9*s.* 4*d.* Given to his clerk 1 pair of hose price 1*s.* 6*d.* In a boar's head 1*s.* 6*d.* In milk 2*d.* In brawn 1*s.*—Total £1. 14*s.* 2*d.*

In expenses of the King's clerk coming to Leicester to collect the King's tenth, of Will. de Cloune, Ric. of Donington and others in their company dining and supping (comedent' et cenant') with the Mayor on this side of (citra) St Martin's Feast. (In bread, wine, beer, large meat), 6 hens 1*s.*, 2 geese 6*d.*, 1 porker 4*d.*, in "Wodekocs, Feldfares and Snypes" 1*s.* 6*d.*, in brawn 4*d.*, in powder 6*d.*, in 1 pair of hose given to the said clerk 2*s.* 6*d.*, to his clerk 1 pair of hose price 1*s.* 4*d.*—11*s.* 6*d.*

In a present sent to Sir Ric. of Willoughby and Rob. of Sadington Justices of the lord King, coming to Leicester to hold the assizes after the Feast of Epiphany, (to each bread and wine)—5*s.* 3*d.*

In a present sent to Sir Will. of Harley at the Friars Minors[1] in tourt bread (in pane Turtell') 5*d.*, 2 gallons of wine 1*s.*, in 2 eels sent to him 2*s.*, in 1 pike (pyk') 1*s.* 6*d.*—4*s.* 11*d.*

In a present sent to Sir Robert of Hungerford and Ric. Passemere, auditors of the Earl's account[2] (bread, wine), and to Rob. of Worksop (Wirsop) and his fellows, messengers of the King, bearing the King's commissions for arraying men for Scotland 1*s.*, and a pottle of wine 3*d.* Given to Ric. of Rowell another messenger at another time 3*d.* (Similarly to Russell, Alan of Crondall, Hen. of Cork, and Brice)[3] 9*d.* To Tho. of Goddington[4], bearing the King's commission for raising 40 marks for the fine made for hobelers[5] 1*s.*, and a pottle of wine 3*d.* To Adam Lanark another time 3*d.*—6*s.* 6½*d.*

In the expenses of Will. de Blount, Tho. de Ferrers and certain Jurats and other honest men dining at the tavern when he went towards Scotland 10*s.* 3*d.* In two gallons of wine to Sir John de Kynewell for having his aid against the lord Henry of Lancaster for making fine with the King for hobelers 1*s.* Given to the keeper of the horses of the lord Henry of Lancaster, at the abbey, 2*s.*—13*s.* 3*d.*

Sent to the King at the abbey for the feast of Quinquagesima 2 kids (kides) 2*s.*, 6 partridges 1*s.*, 2 gallons of Cretan wine 2*s.* In a present sent to Sir Will. of Cossal (Coshall) coming to Leicester to affeer the Greenwax, bread and wine.—7*s.* 5½*d.*—Total on this side £10. 5*s.* 11*d.*

[v°.] He accounts paid to the lord King for the fine made with him for hobelers chosen for (versus) Scotland £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*

He accounts paid to the lord Henry of Lancaster by the assent of all the community for having his aid with (versus) the lord King £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* To Ric. of Donington at the tavern, taking (ducend') the said money to York 20*s.* In repayment

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[1] Roll 120 explains that the occasion of the feast was the death of Will. of Harley's wife.

[2] Roll 120 adds that the payment was for the business for the Earl, for having his counsel for the business of the community.

[3] Roll 120 adds: messengers of the King's Exchequer coming to Leicester at various times with news.

[4] Clerk of the Chancellor (Roll 120).

[5] Light-armed horsemen riding hobbies, inferior mounts. (N.E.D.) In the Parliament of May—June, 1335, at York a grant of hobelers and archers was made by the counties and redeemed by fine.

(repagacione) of money and for hobelers by estimate £10. 9*s.* 4*d.*[1] In the fee of the clerk and serjeant, and for the said clerk's table and parchment, £2. 14*s.* 0*d.* In other small expenses and payments as appears on another part of this roll £10. 5*s.* 10½*d.*—Total expense £57. 15*s.* 10½*d.*

He paid to John Leverich for his expenses going to the King's parliament at York, held there at the feast of the Ascension[2] 8 Ed. III.,[3] going, coming back and staying there a fortnight £1. 2*s.* 6*d.*, at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day. Paid to the same for a certain commission 3*s.* 4*d.* For a writ of Supersedeas 2*s.* In one horse hired for the said John and for 1 groom 4*s.*—£1. 11*s.* 10*d.*

He claimed allowance for his salmon-fee, which was granted him by the consent of all the community[4] 13*s.* 4*d.* He counts in the repair of benches (scannorum) made for the Gildhall[5] 1*s.* In the expenses of Will. de Cloune, Hen. of Barkby and their fellows going to Heigham by the lord's order for the business of the community 3*s.*—17*s.* 4*d.*

Box 5, No. 120. [1334–5.] Account of John Martyn Mayor Sep. 29, 8 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 9 Ed. III.

Receipts. (Rents of booths 4*s.*), receipts from gild-fines £10. 4*s.*

Foreign Receipts. He answers for £2. 0*s.* 10*d.* received from...taxers and collectors of the lord King's tenth in the 8th year. And for 6*d.* received from Henry of Belton clothier (pannario), for cloth cut in the market against the constitution of the gild. And for 1*s.* received from Henry the Chaloner for a weaver's beam (webstere bem[6]) sold to him.—Total £2. 2*s.* 4*d.*

He answers for £48. 10*s.* received from Will. Shearman...collectors of the tallage assessed for sending hobelers to Scotland in the 9th year, as appears by a tally.—Total £48. 10*s.* 0*d.*

Sum total of the receipt £61. 0*s.* 4*d.*

(The account of expenditure is given as in No. 149 above.)

Sum total of expenses, charges and payments £60. 18*s.* 7½*d.*

Note that John Martyn late Mayor of the town of Leicester rendered his account on Friday after Whitsuntide 10 Ed. III. in the Gildhall before John Leverich then Mayor of the town of Leicester, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, John Alsy, John of Derby, Ric. Leverich, Will. Waryn, Geoff. of Kent, and Ric. of Walcote, auditors of this account, assigned by the consent of all the community, for all his receipts, charges and payments in the time of his mayoralty. And the sum of all his receipts for the whole year was as appears in the roll of his account £61. 0*s.* 4*d.*, of which he counts his expenses, charges, payments, for the whole said year as appears by his account, £60. 18*s.* 7½*d.* And so the said J. Martyn owes the community clear 1*s.* 8½*d.* And he shall acquit the community against all creditors contained in his account.

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[1] Roll 120 has, in repayment of the third part of the tallage assessed for hobelers, the sum of which was £61. 6*s.* 5*d.*, and afterwards fine was made with the King for 40 marks, whereof the sum of repayment is £11. 2*s.* 11*d.*

[2] May 26 to June 3, 1335.

[3] For 9 Ed. III.

[4] Roll 120 adds "because there was granted to him, by assent of all the community in the Gildhall, a certain man of the Gild." This is the first mention of the salmon-fee, and the explanation offered in Roll 120 is obscure.

[5] Roll 120 calls it "the repair of benches of the Gildhall when they were broken and thrown down in the presence of the King's Justices then sitting to hold the assize."

[6] See *Cath. Ang.* s.v. beme and N. E. D. The wooden roller in a loom on which the warp is wound before weaving.

XIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 35. [1335–6.] Gild entries as in III. above.

XV. *Pleas of the Merchant Gild.*

Box 14, No. 388[1]. [1335–6.] Names of the Jurats being in the Gildhall on Friday next (after?) Michaelmas in the 9th year. John Leverich, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, John Alsy, Will. of the Wainhouse, John Martyn, Ric. Leverich, Hen. of Barkby, John of Derby, Rob. the Clerk, Ric. of Walcote, Rob. the Porter, Rog. of Claybrooke, John of the Wainhouse, Geoff. of Kent, Ric. of Wanlip, Will. Wareyn.

Memorandum. Item memorandum ad inquirendum in rotulo pro Ricardo de Paling, pro Johanne de Stretton, pistoribus.

Item memorandum de quodam fabro manente in domo W. Geryn.

Item pre*ceptum* e*st* att*achiare* omnes pakeres et volutores lanarum et lauatores et emptores lanarum contra proximam.

Volutores lane, videlicet Alicia le Norice, Matilda le Goldsmyth, Margareta Aldyth, Matilda le Palmere, venerunt in Aula Gylde die veneris in vigilia S. Katerine anno IX. Et coram Maiore et communitate aculpate fuerunt quod inuoluerunt lanam vt †imcompetentem† infra villa[m], que die supradicto iurauerunt...[2] quod nulla[m] lana[m] peior quam vellera inponen'....

Tho. le Destere habet diem respectum vsque festum Purificacionis. Ric. de Boseworth habet respectum vt supra.

Note. Item note to enquire in the roll for Ric. of Paling, for John of Stretton, bakers.

Item note concerning a certain smith dwelling in W. Geryn's house.

Item it is ordered to attach all packers and wrappers of wool and washers and buyers of wool against the next (sitting).

Woolwrappers[3], to wit Alice the Nurse, Matilda the Goldsmith, Margaret Aldyth, Matilda the Palmer, came into the Gildhall on Friday the Eve of St Katherine in the 9th year (Nov. 24, 1335) and before the Mayor and community were accused that they wrapped wool as incompetent persons[4] within the town, who on the day aforesaid swore...that they would put in no wool worse than the fleeces...

Tho. the Dyer has day of respite till Candlemas.

Ric. of Bosworth has respite as above.

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[1] Very tender.

[2] Torn away.

[3] See note 1. p. 185.

[4] I.e. not sworn.

Rog. de Clenfeld accupatus quod asportauit lapidem de quodam communi Fonte in parochia S. Michaelis ad dampnum communitatis etc. qui non potuit dedicere. Ideo conuictus et vadiavit emendas et habet diem vsque ad proximam ad inveniendum plegios de transgressione etc. Non venit vt summonitus fuit. Ideo dis*tri*ngatur. Plegii Ric. Danlep & J. Waynhous. Et postea venit et invenit plegios, Ric. de Groby fabrum et Joh. de Beuerlee tabletter; habuit diem respectum vsque ad Pascha ad intrandum gyldam.

Ric. le Large respectum vsque Purificacionem.

Joh. de Ansty cissor respectum ut supra.

Memorandum quod Walt. Broun dudum Maior ville Leicestrie ex vnanimi assensu communitatis dedit cuidam Willelmo Hemeri veteram aulam gylde.

Will. le Turnour habet diem respectum ad demonstrandum ad proximam sessionem Maiori qualiter clamium habere xviii*d.* et ii caponibus de vetere *Gyldhall,* qui venit etc.

Joh. de Rippelee faber habet diem respectum vsque pascha. Joh. le Hoper carnifex de le Diuise habet diem ad intrandum gyldam ad primam sedem post pascha.

Man'. Joh. Geryn de Leicestria accupatus etc. die Martis proxima

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Roger of Glenfield charged that he carried off a stone from a certain common well in the parish of St Michael to the damage of the community etc. who could not deny. Therefore he was convicted and pledged amends and has day till the next (sitting) to find pledges for the trespass etc. He comes not when he was summoned. Therefore let him be distrained. Pledges, Ric. of Wanlip and J. Wainhouse. And afterwards he comes and finds pledges, Ric. of Groby, smith, and John of Beverley, tableter; he had day of respite till Easter to enter the Gild.

Ric. the Large respite till Candlemas.

John of Anstey tailor respite as above.

Note that Walter Brown late Mayor of the town of Leicester by unanimous consent of the community gave the old Gildhall to one William Emery.

Will. the Turner has day of respite to prove at the next session to the Mayor how he claims to have 1*s.* 6*d.* and 2 capons from the old Gildhall[1], who came etc.

John of Ripley, smith, has day of respite till Easter. John the Hooper, butcher, of the boundary, has day to enter the Gild at the first sitting after Easter.

Ordered. John Geryn of Leicester accused etc. on Tuesday next after

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[1] See I. pp. 71, 82, 94 on the rent for the Gildhall paid to the Turner family.

post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno x°. eo quod wlnerauit Ricardum de Walkot burgensem et Juratum ville; qui cognovit etc. et vadiavit parti emendas, et taxabatur ad xx*s*. et invenit plegios coram Maiore quod bene se gereret versus dictum Ricardum et totam communitatem, scilicet Ricardum Leuerych, Rogerum de Claybroc, W. Aurifabrum, et Ricardum Cocum.

Man'. Tho. de Stapelton slicer accupatus versus Johannem de Turueye, cuius plegii (3 named), quod bene se gereret uersus dictum Johannem. Will. de Dalby slicer accupatus uersus dictum Johannem de Turueye (3 pledges).

Tho. le Shether, quia traxit cultellum suum contra pacem. Misericordia per (3 named).

[v°.] [Ordeine est par le] Meir et bayllyfes & les bons gentz de Leicestre que la pes nostre Seignour [le Roi soit garde] en la ville de Leycestre. Cest a sauoir que nuyl de quiel condicion [quil soit]...soit si hardi de aler arme en aketoun nen autre armure de nuyth ne de iour en affray de la dite pes et si nuyl soit troue contre le ordinaunce auaunt dit, soit attache [et] [en]prisone taunque le Roi e le seignour de la vill en facent de eux lour voluntez.

Item ordeyne est que lassise de payn soit garde, cest a sauoir que nuyl pestour ne fourne forsque iiii payns a vn dener de chescun maner

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Lady Day in the tenth year because he wounded Ric. of Walcote, burgess and Jurat of the town; who confessed etc. and pledged amends to the party, and he was taxed at 20*s*. and he found pledges before the Mayor that he would behave properly towards the said Richard and all the community, to wit Ric. Leverich, Roger of Claybrooke, W. Goldsmith and Ric. Cook.

Ordered. Tho. of Stapleton slicer was accused by John of Turvey, whose pledges (3 named), (engaged) that he would behave properly to the said John. Will. of Dalby, slicer, charged by the said John of Turvey (3 pledges).

Tho. the Sheather because he drew his knife against the peace. Mercy (pledged) by (three named).

[1]It is ordered by the Mayor and bailiffs and the good people of Leicester that the peace of our lord the King be kept in the town of Leicester. That is to say that no one of whatever condition he may be...shall be so bold as to go armed in aketon[2] or in any other armour by night or by day in disturbance of the said peace and if any be found contravening the ordinance aforesaid, let him be attached and imprisoned until the King and the lord of the town do their wills upon him for this matter.

Item, it is ordained that the assize of bread be kept, that is to say that all bakers shall bake (at the rate of) four loaves for a penny of whatever kind of

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[1] See Thompson's translation, *Leicester* I. p. 130.

[2] See I. p. 302, note.

de payn bien quyt & bien fourne, tauncome le quarter de furment soit deinz le pris de iiii*s.* & ceo sur peril que apent.

Item que nuyl brasceresce jurre herbergour ne autre soit si hardi de bracer forsque vn ialoun du meilleur a vn dener et de autre cerueise i ialoun a vn ob. tauncome le quarter dorge soit vendu a iiii*s.* e a meyns sur peril etc.

Item que les Tauerners de vyns vendunt desorenauant vyn de Gascoyne le ialoun a vi*d.* Et que nuyl taverner tygne en sa tauerne remenauntz des vyns cochauntz en sa taverne pour meller oue must[1] tauncome la sesoun d[u]re [sur] peril que apent.

Item que [nul] Polterer, Regrater ne Cu ne achate auaunt hour de prime nuylle manere des vitailles, cest a sauoir owes, gelyns & chapouns, nautre manere des volatils, sur peril que apent.

Item Forstaller ne soit si hardi de aler a bouts de la dite ville dencountre ne achater nuyll manere des vitailles venauntz a la dite ville pour regrater.

Item que nul Cu ne pessouner soit si hardi de gettre lour eawe corumpue en le haut estree a nuisaunce & corupcioun des bones gentz, sur greuouse amerciement.

Item que nuyl home eit alaunt porcs en le haut estre de la mesoun

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bread, well cooked and well baked, so long as the quarter of wheat is within the price of 4*s.*, and that on peril (of the penalty) which thereto belongs.

Item that no breweress, sworn inn-keeper or other shall be so bold as to brew except (at the rate of) a gallon of the best for 1*d.*, and of other beer 1 gallon for ½*d.*, while the quarter of barley is sold at 4*s.*, and at less on peril etc.

Item that the taverners of wines shall sell henceforth Gascony wine at 6*d.* a gallon. And that no taverner shall keep in his tavern dregs of wine lying in his tavern to mix with new wine while the season lasts, on peril of (the penalty) which thereto belongs.

Item that no poulterer, regrater, or cook may buy before the hour of prime any kind of victuals, that is to say geese, hens and capons or other kinds of poultry on peril of (the penalty) which thereto belongs.

Item, the forestaller may not be so bold as to go to the ends of the said town to meet or buy any kind of victuals coming to the said town, to regrate (them).

Item that no cook or fisher be so bold as to throw their dirty water into the high street to the annoyance and soiling of good people, under (pain of) grievous amercement.

Item that no man may have pigs going in the high street from the house

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[1] See the note in *Prompt. Parv.* II. p. 349.

Henri Dowel taunque a la mesoun Ricard de Walkote sil ne soint anelez, sur greuouse amerciement, ne del eglise seint Nicolas taunque la venele de le Dedelane en le Swynesmarket.

Item que nuyl pessoner de pessoun de eawe douz ne estoise en le marche nuyl iour apres tierce sonee sur peyne de forfaiture etc.

Et que nuyl pessoner eyt sa table assis en nuyl part de les hauts estrees de iour ne de nuyth sur peine greuouse amerciement.

Item que nuyl des Farlouperes[1] de la dite ville ne estoise sur les charettes de pessoun ne de haranges a mettre autre pris sur les vitailles que le vendour ne voleit †meismes† sur peine etc.

XVI. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 90[2]. [? 1334–5.] Tallage assessed in the time of John Leverich, Mayor, for the King's Marshal and for a gift sent to the lord Earl and for the debt of John le Marewe in the time of his mayoralty. (About 460 names and payments.) The sums of each membrane are added separately, but the only quarter named is the Swinesmarket (Forum porcorum). The total of the Bishop's Fee is given (without names) as 11*s.* The sum total with the Bishop's Fee is £20. 13*s.* 6*d.*

XVII. *Merchant Gild Pleas and Assize of Bread.*

Box 1, Roll 16, 2. (This slip is folded in with the gild roll)[3] [1335 ?]. (Will. Page carpenter distrained.)

Will. le Coupere acculpatus quod mercandizauit cum Thoma le Dextere qui non est in Gilda etc. qui venit et optulit se aquietare

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of Henry Dowel as far as the house of Richard of Walcote, unless they be ringed, under (pain of) grievous amercement, nor from the church of St Nicholas as far as the lane of Deadlane in the Swinesmarket[4].

Item that no fisher of freshwater fish may stand in the market on any day after tierce[5] has sounded, under pain of forfeiture etc. And that no fisher may have his table set up in any part of the high streets by day or by night, on pain of grievous amercement.

Item that none of the strangers of the said town may stand on the carts of fish or herrings to put other price on the victuals than the seller himself will, under pain etc.

Will. the Cooper charged that he traded with Tho. the Dyer who is not in the Gild etc. who came and offered to acquit himself according to Gild rule

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[1] Halliwell-Nares give farlooper, an interloper, Western dialect. [2] Very rotten.

[3] This seems to be one of the original notes kept by the clerk from which probably the rolls were copied. On the back are notes of the assize of bread of 9–10 Ed. III.

[4] See map in vol. I., and p. 256 note 4 and p. 407.

[5] The third canonical hour; here three o'clock.

secundum constitucionem Gilde et habuit diem ad purgandum se ad proximam : qui non uenit : Ideo di*stringatur* per magnam etc. purgauit.

Will. Othe Waynhous attachiatus cum vii pellibus lanutis forstallatis : qui negauit et habuit diem ad purgandum se ad proximam et non venit. Ideo distringatur per magnam.

†Joh. de Whenlesbergh vadiauit etc. et fe*cit* fi*nem* per plegios T. le Mazoun, et Joh. Hodinges Se*ni*or soluend' x*s*. et xl*d*. ad f*esta* pur*ificacionis* pas*che* pe*ntecost'* et gul*is* Aug*usti*+[1].

Tho. le Dextere quia recessit sine licencia : distringatur per omnia.

Distringatur Henricus le Forester ad fa*ciendum* fi*nem* cum Maiore pro manu opere : r*espectum* vsque pur*ificacionem*.

Rob. Waryn fe*cit* fi*nem* pro xl*d*. (pays at Christmas and Candlemas).

Dis*tringantur* plicatrices iur*ate* lanarum, packatores et lotores pellium.

Joh. Fykeys et Tho. de Sharneford distringantur pro pellibus emptis contra ordinacionem.

Tho. de Sharneford conuictus eo quod forstallauit pelles † leneos † ad pontem occidentalem contra ordinacionem ville. Ideo etc.

v°. (Assize of Bread) [Nov. 25, 1335]. Die Veneris in vigilia

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and he had day to purge himself (at the next sitting) : he does not come : therefore let him be distrained by the Grand (Distress)[2] etc. He purged (himself).

Will. of the Wainhouse attached with seven woolfells forestalled : he denied and had day to purge himself at the next (sitting), and he does not come. Therefore let him be distrained by the Grand (Distress).

John of Wellsborough pledged etc. and made fine by the pledges T. the Mason and John Hodinges senior, to pay 10*s*. and 3*s*. 4*d*. at the feasts of Candlemas, Easter, Whitsuntide and on Aug. 1.

Tho. the Dyer because he withdrew without leave : let him be distrained by all things.

Let Henry the Forester be distrained to make fine with the Mayor for mainour : respite till Candlemas.

Rob. Waryn made fine for 3*s*. 4*d*.

Let the sworn women folders of wool, packers and washers of fells be distrained.

Let John Fykys and Tho. of Sharnford be distrained for fells bought against order.

Tho. of Sharnford convicted because he forestalled woolfells at the West Gate against the ordinance of the town. Therefore etc.

On Friday the eve of St Katherine's, Robert the Hayward has defect of

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[1] Over is written "quia alibi," and the whole deleted. The signs †...+ will be used to mark deletions.

[2] Which extends to all the goods and chattels of the party.

Katerine. Rob. le Haiward h*abet* de*fectum* p*anis* integ*ri* de fr*umento* ad ob. de xvi*s*. Joh. Simonet habet defectum panis integri ad ob. de xxii*s*.

Pondus panis die etc. anno supradicto.

Alex. de Bos[worth] habet defectum panis Coketes ad ob. de v*s*.

Pondus die Lune prox. post festum S. Mathie anno x° per sacramentum R. Leuerich, G. de Kent, Juratorum.

Matilda Cokembred habet defectum panis de omnibus bladis ad q^a^ de v*s*.

Pondus panis die Veneris prox. post festum S. Ambrosii anno x° per sacramentum Ricardi Leuerich et Johannis Hodings, Juratorum, Johannis de Wolueye et Johannis de Biginhill pistorum: Qui dicunt quod quarterium frumenti valet co*mmuniter* in Foro iiii*s*.

Johannis de Stocton habet defectum panis de omnibus bladis ad q^a^ de ii*s*. vi*d*.

(Another slip) Pondus panis die Veneris post festum Hokedai anno decimo per sacramentum Ricardi de Walkote, Juratoris, Nicholai Frereman et Willelmi Page, pistorum: qui dicunt quod quarterium frumenti valet communiter in Foro iiii*s*.: die illa defecta (n)ulla.

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whole bread of wheat at a halfpenny, of 16*s*.[1] John Simonet has defect of whole bread at a halfpenny, of 22*s*.

Weighing of bread on the day and in the year aforesaid.

Alex. of Bosworth has defect of cocket[2] bread at a halfpenny, of 5*s*.

Weighing of bread on Monday next after the feast of St Matthias in the 10th year by the oath of R. Leverich and G. of Kent, Jurors.

Matilda Cokembred has defect of bread of all grains at a farthing, of 5*s*.

Weighing of bread on Friday next after the feast of St Ambrose in the tenth year by the oath of Ric. Leverich and John Hodings, Jurors, John of Wolvey and John of Bikenhill bakers; who say that the quarter of wheat is worth commonly in the market 4*s*.

John of Stoughton has defect of bread of all grains at a farthing, of 2*s*. 6*d*.

Weighing of bread on Friday after the feast of Hokeday in the tenth year by the oath of Ric. of Walcote, Juror, Nic. Frereman and Will. Page, bakers: who say that the quarter of wheat is worth commonly in the market 4*s*.: on that day no defects.

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[1] As the price of wheat is not given it is impossible to say what the full weight should have been. The meaning is that a half-penny loaf of Robert's baking weighed the weight of sixteen shillings short of what it should have done. If wheat was at 4*s*. his loaf ought probably to have weighed 46 shillings.

[2] Slightly inferior to the wastell or finest bread. N. E. D.

Pondus panis die Martis prox. post festum S. Jacobi Apostoli anno x per sacramentum Johannis de Wlueye et Ricardi de Boseworth pistorum, G. de Kent et W. de Dunstaple, Juratorum: Qui dicunt per sacramentum quod quarterium mediocris frumenti valet iii*s.* vi*d.* [Seven cases of defective cockets at a farthing and a halfpenny each, one of whole meal, two of farthing "Traits[1]."]

Weighing of bread on Tuesday next after the feast of St James the Apostle in the tenth year by the oath of John of Wolvey and Ric. of Bosworth, bakers, G. of Kent and W. of Dunstable, Jurors, who say by oath that the quarter of medium wheat is worth 3*s.* 6*d.*

XVIII. *Mayors' Accounts.*

Box 6, No. 144. [1335–6.] Account of John Leverich, late Mayor of the town of Leicester (etc. 29 Sep. 9 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 10 Ed. III.).

Receipts. (Rent of booths 4*s.* Gild receipt (list of entries similar to III.) £9. 5*s.* 4*d.*)

He answers for 40*s.* (received from...collectors of the tenth granted to the King in the 10th year at his parliament held at Westminster in Lent[2]. And for 48*s.* received from...collectors of the tallage assessed for 20 hobelers in the 9th year (arrears) and...from...collectors of a certain tallage assessed for a present sent to the lord Earl...and for the debt of John le Marewe for the time of his mayoralty in the preceding years by tally (and another payment torn)—£20. 8*s.* 0*d.*—Sum total of receipt £29. 17*s.* 4*d.*

[3]*Expenses thence.* Thence he accounts in expenses and payments, i.e. in a dinner (gentaculum) given to Hugh of Harborough, Steward of the Honour of Leicester and the lord Earl's Receiver, the bailiff of the town of Leicester and many Jurats of the town of Leicester and others of the Earl's Court dining (gentant') with the Mayor at the house of...when the Mayor was presented at the Court of the lord Earl next after Michaelmas, according to the custom of the town, £2. 7*s.* 1*d.* as appears by particulars elsewhere...In the expenses of Will. of Walden coroner of the lord King and his two fellows coming from the King's Court on Tuesday next after Martinmas, narrating rumours of the King and of Scotland in the presence of John Alsy, John le Marewe and Ric. Leverich dining together...bread, wine, beer, meat from the kitchen 1*s.* 10½*d.* In the expenses of Sir Will. le Blount, John of Bagpuze[4] coming on Wednesday, St Luke's day (Oct. 18), supping (cenant') at the tavern and dining (gentant') there on the next day, at the expense of...and of some Jurats and others of the community supping and dining with them, in bread, wine and kitchen, cheese, spices, apples, pears...13*s.* 8*d.* Given to Alan of Lanark the King's messenger from the Exchequer and to his fellow, 2*d.* Given to two butlers of the King and Queen coming from Scotland with rumours and to John le Blount and others coming in their company in the presence of (4 names) and others of the town of Leicester, 2 gallons and 1 pottle of new wine[5] (musti) price 1*s.* 8*d.* Given

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[1] Assumed to be equivalent to tourt, probably a coarse bread. Cunningham I. p. 503, Riley III. p. 414.

[2] March 11—20, 1336.

[3] Badly torn.

[4] Kingston Bagpuze.

[5] See *Prompt. Parv.* s.v. must.

to...trumpeters (trumpeours) of the lord King and the lord Henry of Lancaster claiming rewards from the Mayor in the presence of John Blount and others aforesaid...

To John le Blount this time 1 pair of hose price 2*s.* 6*d.* In a present sent to Robert of Hungerford and...of the Earl on Monday next before the feast of All Saints (bread, mead). Given to the Chamberlain...He accounts in expenses of Hugh of Harborough, Steward of the Honour of Leicester, and Robert his clerk and others coming, dining at Christmas, bread, wine, beer, meat, spices 3*s.* 1*d.* In one pair of hose given to the Steward of the Honour aforesaid 2*s.* 6*d.*, and one to Robert, clerk of the said Hugh 1*s.* In...to Sir John de Stonor, Justice of the lord King, bread, wine...sent to Geoff. le Scrope, bread, wine.—Total £4. 0*s.* 1*d.*

(Dinners and suppers to John and Will. le Blount, and others of the Earl's Court; wine to the Steward and Receiver and other servants of the Earl of Lancaster and the Countess (coming) from Wolvey (?)..., to Henry de Ferrers, by the consent of some of the Jurats, 3 gallons of Cretan wine 3*s.*, 12 capons 2*s.*, carrying them to Groby 2*d.*) To Tho. de Ferrars and Sir Roger la Zouche the sheriff and their household coming from Scotland and telling news of the same and of the King; to the Queen's Chamberlain when he conducted the lady Queen towards the northern part on account of the flood of water 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Queen's Marshal that time relating and telling something good of the community of Leicester to the lady Queen ([nar]rand' et loquend' bonum versus dominam Reginam de communitate Leycestrie). Present to the lord Henry of Lancaster, 1 lb. of white powder, 1 lb. of cloves, 1 lb. of sugar-plait (sucre in plate) by the consent of some of the Jurats, 4*s.* Expenses of the horses and household in oats, provender and litter, 10*s.* 1*d.* To the Steward, Receiver and Master Forester and others in their company (comitiva); to the treasurer of the Earl of Chester[1] and the Chamberlain and driver of the carriage (cariator cariagii) of the Earl for having easement of carriage (pro aisiamento cariagii habend') 2 gallons of wine, 1*s.*—Total £2. 10*s.* 4*d.*

Expenses of Barkby and Will. of Knighton going to Kenilworth to the Earl on the community's business by the Jurats' consent, 2*s.* Expenses of John Leverich, Mayor, and John Hodinges senior, going to parliament for 6 days at Westminster in Midlent 10 Ed. III.[2] with the hire of two horses and one groom going, staying and returning £1. 17*s.* 0*d.*—Total £1. 19*s.* 0*d.*

Present sent to the Earl of Lancaster coming to Leicester on Tuesday after Hokeday by the consent of the Jurats and of all the community being in the Gildhall, bread, wine, 12 fat geese (xii aucis pinguis) 6*s.*, 12 capons 3*s.* 6*d.*, carriage and porterage to the castle—; to Bertram of the pantry and to the butler for his fee 1*s.* 6*d.*—Total £6. 5*s.* 1*d.*

Paid to Walter of Monmouth late porter (janitor') of the castle of Leicester, by the letter of the lord Henry of Lancaster directed to the Mayor and bailiff of the town of Leicester, for having four archers for (versus) Scotland at the cost of the community of the town of Leicester, 1 horse, price £2, bought from Master John the Cook (Le Keu). For a saddle (cell') and bridle with cingles, bought for the same, 3*s.*; for 24 arrows newly bought, with cord for a bow 1*s.* For his wages from Leicester as far as Newcastle-on-Tyne 4*s.*—Total £2. 8*s.* 0*d.*

Expenses of Sir Edmund Trussel, Steward of the lord's household, and others of the Earl's household dining with the Mayor on Sunday, the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3), bread etc., 12 geese 5*s.*, mutton 1*s.* 6*d.*, (etc. torn).

[1] The young Prince of Wales.

[2] Mar. 11—20, 1336.

[v°.] Expenses for the King's Marshal and his household coming to Leicester in the presence of the King on Saturday after St Thomas' Translation[1] and staying there for four days, expenses as appears by the daily account (ut patet per dietam), 10*s.* 9*d.*, 11*s.* 11½*d.*, 10*s.* In the fine made with the King at that time £3. To Rob. Houel chief Clerk of the Market £1. To Matthew of Cambridge his chief clerk, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Roger the Measurer 2*s.* 6*d.* To the cook and chamberlain 2*s.*; (also grooms, criers, messengers). For spices 10*d.* To Bertilottus de Squiler' and John of Bromsgrove (Brymmesgrove), official (officiar') of the King, 2 pairs of hose price 2*s.* 9*d.* Wine to men of the King's Court, to Master Will. of Langley, the King's cook, to Brice the King's messenger, to the King's palfreymen.—Total £7. 4*s.* 8½*d.*

Expenses of Peter de Grete, clerk of the Marshal, John of Claydon the Marshal's serjeant, and their clerks, and others of the Court dining with the Mayor before their departure, by the consent of certain Jurats, bread (etc.), hose, 1 powch price 3*s.* 4*d.*, in money by tale (in denariis nu*mer*at') 3*s.* 4*d.*[2], (etc.)—£1. 3*s.* 6*d.*

Expenses at the Queen's coming to Leicester on St Margaret's day (July 20); wine to her chief clerk Sir John of Pevensey, to Master Robert the Cutler; to Alex. the Porter of the Queen's Court, 1 pair of hose, 1*s.* 4*d.*, to her provender-man (avenar'); wine given in the presence of Will. de Cloune, Ric. Leverich, Will. of Dunstable and others coming with the Mayor from the Abbey to attach the Queen's men, doing evil in the town of Leicester, by the order of the Queen's Marshal; to Sir Ric. of Willoughby coming to Leicester on St James' day to hold the assizes, and sent to Sir Roger de Baukwell, King's Justice, bread and wine (etc.) 13*s.* 1½*d.*

Payment to John le Marwe in part payment of his debt from the community £5. Mayor's fees and allowances (as usual).—Total £8. 9*s.* 10*d.*

Total expenses £35. 16*s.* 8*d.* And so the expenses exceed the receipts £5. 19*s.* 4*d.*

Box 6, No. 145[3]. [1336–7]. Account of Will. Wareyn for the time of his mayoralty from the morrow of St Michael (10 Ed. III. to Michaelmas 11 Ed. III.).

Receipts. (Rent of booths 4*s.*) And 1*s.* from Stephen the Bellfounder for the rent of the chamber beyond the North Gate from Whitsuntide 11 Ed. III.—5*s.*

Ric. of Burton, glover, for fine made to go on with his manual work till Michaelmas 2*s.*—(Total of gild payments torn away.)

£20 received from the collectors of a tallage assessed for sending 12 archers to Portsmouth, at the feast of Holy Trinity. Arrears of tallages assessed for the King's tenth; arrears from the collectors of pavage of the four gates of the town of Leicester for one day.—(Total torn away.) Total receipt (torn).

Expenses. Dinners of the King's Marshal's officers, and of Hugh of Harborough Steward of the Honour, with others when the Mayor was presented. Present to auditors and others. To Robert Foucher, Steward of the Honour of Leicester, a remnant of cloth for hose, price 4*s.* 6*d.*—(Total gone.)

Expenses of the Judges of Trailbaston coming to Leicester, a swan 7*s.* (and other items torn).—Total £1. 0*s.* 3*d.*

Fees to messengers; to Simon Symeon[4] by the consent of many Jurats for having his help with (versus) the Earl, £2. Clerks of the Justices dining; bearers of rumours concerning Scotland and parliament, 2*d.*

He counts in expenses on the North Gate, in carrying earth 4*d.*, studs (studes) 2*d.*; 2 boards 3*d.*, timber—wages of the carpenter, tiler (tegulator) and of the third

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[1] July 6, 1336.

[2] Cf. the entry above, p. 16, l. 3.

[3] In a very bad state.

[4] See below.

workman (*tercii operarii*) 3*s.* 8*d.*; tiles 3*d.*, in keys and padlocks[1] (in clauibus et pendiculis) 6¼*d.*, straw 2½*d.*, carriage of sand.—Total 9*s.* 8¾*d.*

Expenses of messengers (torn); of the King's Marshal coming to Leicester and staying two days, in the presence of the household of the King, bread, beer for two days 1*s.*, fish on Saturday, 2 capons 7*d.*, 3 geese 1*s.* 3*d.*, roast meat (in carn' rostat') 4*d.*, sauce (sause), saffron, straw for litter for two days, 8*d.*; firewood, coal, beds, cingles, grease for horses 1*d.*, hay, 1 bushel of oats 6*d.* Shoeing of horses; criers' fees.—£2. 3*s.* 11*d.*

Given to the men chosen for Portsmouth at the muster (ad demonstracionem eorum) in the Market-place, beer 4*d.* Steward's dinner; to the Mayor Will. Wareyn and his clerk being at Stamford for expediting business concerning the men chosen for Portsmouth (torn)—£2. 11*s.* 5½*d.*

[v°.] To Roger la Zouche for getting his help with the King and his Council concerning the men chosen to go to Portsmouth £2. Also beef, 6 sheep 9*s.* 6*d.*, 4 quarters of oats, 8*s.*, carriage to Aylestone, 1*s.*, (etc. torn)—£3. 2*s.* 0*d.*

To the same for getting his help with the King's Treasurer, 1*s.* 11*d.* Mayor's horse hire to Stamford, 2*s.* 8*d.*; sent to Roger la Zouche holding a feast (convivium) at the Friars Preachers in Leicester, 4 gallons of wine 2*s.* 8*d.* Expenses of the Mayor and others going to Kenilworth concerning pavage 8*s.* (etc.)—16*s.* 6*d.*

Fees to the King's messengers etc. Present to Sir Will. Trussel, coming to Leicester on Tuesday after St Matthew's day, to take the fine from Abbots, Priors, etc. and lords of vills, burgesses, for the use of the King, bread, wine, 1 lb. of white powder 1*s.* 4*d.*, pears 2*d.*; wine drunk at the Gildhall concerning the drafting of the roll to be delivered to the said W. Trussel (circa arraiament' rotuli ad liberand' dicto W. Trussel), (wine).

Persons (torn) going to parliament and to the King by the assent of the community and by writ of the King.—£6. 18*s.* 6¾*d.*

Expenses on the North Gate. Timber 19*s.* 5*d.*, carting of lime, 3 bowls (bollys) 3*d.*, to workman throwing down old wood, 3*d.*, carpenter's wages by task, 13*s.* 4*d.*, food and drink, (torn). Carriage of lead from the gate to the house of — —.

Wages. Masons per week 1*s.* 8*d.* each, grooms helping them, by week 8½*d.* each, and beer, stone 1*s.* 2*d.*, hire of a cart for 2 days 2*s.*, carriage of 3 carts of stone 3*d.*, 12 carts of stone price 3*s.*, free stone, to wit corner-stones and squared stones (Coynes et Asshelers[2]) 1*s.* To Ric the Plumber (le Plumer) for 15 fotmell[3] (torn). For solder (pro soudere) and nails, 1*s.* In the repair of a ladder broken at the gate in throwing down of old timber (in reparacione unius scale fracte ad portam in prostracione antiqui meremii) 1*s.*, (etc.)—£5. 15*s.* 7*d.*

Aketons, bacinets, 6 sheaf (shef) of arrows 3*s.* 6*d.*, linen cloth for covering 5 aketons 7*s.* 7*d.*, 2 lb. of cotton-wool[4] (coton) 8*d.*, 1 iron lance-head, 4*d.*, in repair of 4 aketons at the house of John Sturdy with a covering of his own cloth (cum coopertur' de panno suo) 9*s.* In polishing (pollicione) of 3 bacinets by the hand of Richard the Polisher (le Furbour) (etc. torn)—£5. 17*s.* 8*d.*

Mayor's fees and allowances (torn)—£4. 7*s.* 8*d.*

Persons going on town business to Northampton and to parliament, £1. 9*s.* 0*d.*

Sum total of expense £41. 17*s.* 6*d.* And so the expenses and payments exceed the receipts £11. 5*s.* 10*d.*

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[1] Or hanging-locks, see *Nottingham Records* Glossary II. s.v. henglok.

[2] The earliest example of this use of the word given in N. E. D. is 1370.

[3] Probably of lead. The fotmal weighed about 70 lbs. apparently (N. E. D.).

[4] For padding aketons.

(Attached.) Note that Will. Wareyn, late Mayor of the town of Leicester, rendered his account on Friday next after St Chad's (S. Cedde) 12 Ed. III., for 10—11 Ed. III., before John Alsy Mayor, Will. de Cloune bailiff, and ten (named) auditors (and a record of the total of the excess as above).

XIX. *Merchant Gild Pleas.*

Box 1, No. 11. [1336.] (Entries similar to III.)

Acquietatio Juramenti. Rob. de Braunston, qui intrauit Gyldam mercatorum coram Willelmo de Lyndrich Maiore, tempore maioratus sui, fuit aculpatus coram Johanne Leuerich, Maiore ville Leycestrie die et anno supradictis [June 14, 1336] eo quod detinuit vi*s.* viii*d.* de arreragiis Gylde sue: Qui venit in Aula Gylde in pleno morwenspeche et dicit quod soluit omnia arreragia Gylde sue Roberto de Stretton quondam Maiori et petiit quod potuit se aquietare cum tercia manu et iurauit, et cum eo Tho. Aboucton, Ric. Whitchild, Rob. Cokumbred, et Joh. le Ploughwright.

Aquietacio. Will. de Burgo aculpatus coram maiore quod emit et vendidit waranciam cum Roberto Atte Geste Halle ad vtilitatem dicti Roberti et ad partem superlucri. Qui venit et negauit et purgauit se secundum consuetudinem Gilde, et iurauit etc.

Ric. Lefthand acculpatus vt supra quod emit †quod† vendidit cum predicto Roberto contra ordinacionem ville et ad dampnum

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Acquittal of oath. Rob. of Braunston who entered the Gild of Merchants in the presence of Will. of Lindrick Mayor, in the time of his Mayoralty, was charged before John Leverich Mayor of the town of Leicester on the day and in the year aforesaid (June 14, 1336), because he detained 6*s.* 8*d.* of the arrears of his Gild: who came into the Gildhall in full morningspeech and says that he paid all the arrears of his gild to Rob. of Stretton late Mayor, and claimed that he might acquit himself with the third hand[1] and swore, and with him (4 named above).

Acquittal. Will. of Peterborough charged before the Mayor that he bought and sold madder with Robert at the Guest Hall to the advantage of the said Robert and for part profits[2]. Who came and he denied and purged himself according to the custom of the Gild, and swore etc.

Ric. Lefthand charged as above that he bought and sold with the aforesaid Robert against the ordinance of the town and to the damage of

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[1] He claimed probably 2 compurgators (and see I. p. 72) and to swear himself the third hand, but apparently 4 compurgators were required of him.

[2] See I. p. xxxiv.

communitatis. Qui venit et negauit et purgauit se secundum consuetudinem Gylde.

Joh. de Turueye aculpatus die et anno supradictis coram Maiore et communitate eo quod ipse iniuste et contra ordinacionem Gylde vocauit Johannem Hodings iuniorem, Ricardum Cocum et socios suos, collectores decime domini Regis, falsos taxatores, et dixit quod ipsi vel alii taxatores false taxauerunt, ad dampnum dictorum taxatorum et preiudicium Maioris et fratrum Gylde: qui venit et non potuit ipsum aquietare, et vadiauit emendas Maiori et communitati, etc.

Morwenspeche tento die Veneris proxima post festum Natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste, anno x°.

Acquietacio. Pet. de Worthington acculpatus quod emebat et vendebat contra ordinacionem Gylde et quod potens esset ad intrandum Gyldam: Qui venit et iurauit quod cattala eius non valent xx*s.* et sic recessit vsque alias. [Same of Ric. de Glen.]

Will. de Turueye habet diem ad intrandum Gyldam vsque festum S. Michaelis.

Adam Edrich attachiatus fuit per vnam carectatam meremii manualis operis dicti Ade ad intrandum Gyldam: Qui venit in aula Gylde per plegios Johannis Alsi et Galfridi de Kent, et dixit quod non

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the community. Who came and denied and purged himself according to the custom of the Gild.

John of Turvey charged on the day and in the year aforesaid before the Mayor and community because he unjustly and against the ordinance of the Gild called John Hodinges junior, Ric. Cook and their fellows, collectors of the lord King's tenth, false taxors[1], and said that they or other taxors taxed falsely, to the damage of the said taxors and the prejudice of the Mayor and of the brethren of the Gild: who came and could not acquit himself and pledged amends to the Mayor and community etc.

Morningspeech held on Friday next after Midsummer Day, in the 10th year.

Acquittal. Peter of Worthington charged that he bought and sold against the ordinance of the Gild and that he was rich enough to enter the Gild: who came and swore that his chattels are not worth 20*s.* and so withdrew till another time.

Will. of Turvey has day to enter the Gild till Michaelmas Day.

Adam Edrich was attached by a cartload of timber, of the handiwork of the said Adam, to enter the Gild: who came into the Gildhall by the pledges John Alsy and Geoffrey of Kent, and said that he did not buy but that he

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[1] In the sense of assessors.

emebat sed vendebat in villa mercandizam suam emptam extra villam. Et ideo quia mansit super feodo Episcopi recessit per assensum communitatis, sine die.

Purgacio. (Friday Aug. 2, 1336.) Joh. de Scharneford et Rob. Fode aculpati quod duxerunt mercatores extraneos extra villam Leicestrie videlicet apud Hungerton, et ibi emebant lanam et vendiderunt extraneis mercatoribus contra ordinaciones Gylde. Qui venerunt et purgauerunt se secundum consuetudinem Gylde, per Willelmum Sherman et †Willelmo† de Knyghton et Radulfum Blake et †Roberto† Palmer[1].

Purgacio. Rad. le Blake brocator, aculpatus scilicet quod duxit mercatores extra villam vt supra: qui venit et negauit et voluit ipsum purgasse: et remittitur ei sacramentum per Maiorem et communitatem.

Extra Gyldam. Hen. de Rokesey summonitus fuit per seruientem Maioris et communitatis quod compareat in aula Gylde coram Maiore et communitate sub pena amissionis Gylde sue: Qui non venit sicut summonitus fuit. Ideo consideratum est per Johannem Leuerich Maiorem, Johannem Alsi, Johannem le Marwe, Robertum le Porter, Ricardum Leuerich, Ricardum Danlep, Thomam Martyn, Rogerum de Claybroc, Willelmum de Dunstaple, Juratos tunc in aula gylde existentes, videlicet die Veneris proxima ante festum sancti Mathie

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sold in the town his merchandise bought outside the town. And therefore because he dwelt on the Bishop's Fee he withdrew by the consent of the community *sine die.*

Purgation. John of Sharnford and Rob. Fode charged that they led strange merchants outside the town of Leicester, to wit to Hungarton, and there bought wool and sold it to strange merchants against the ordinances of the Gild. Who came and purged themselves according to gild custom by (4 named above).

Purgation. Ralph the Black broker charged, to wit, that he led merchants outside the town as above: who came and denied and wished to have purged himself; and the oath was dispensed with in his case by the Mayor and community.

Outside the Gild. Hen. de Rokesey was summoned by the serjeant of the Mayor and community to appear in the Gildhall before the Mayor and community under pain of the forfeiture of his Gild; he did not come as he was summoned to do. Therefore it is decided by John Leverich the Mayor (and 8 named above), Jurats, then being in the Gildhall, that is to say on Friday (Sep. 20, 1336) next before the feast of St Matthew the

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[1] The second pair is added above the line.

apostoli a° x. quod dictus Hen. amittat gyldam suam omnino in perpetuum.

[v°.] *Juramentum Gylde.*

Ceo oyez vous Meir e vous Freres de la Gylde qe ieo leaument les leys de la Gylde tenderay, e ma Gylde bien en tutes choses suyray, oue mes freres de la Geude ou qe ieo soie escoteray, sur le fee le Euesqe ou aillours. E qe nuylle compaynie touchaund marchaundie oue gent estraunges deinz la fraunchise aueroy. Et qe ieo garnieray mon Meir e les bones gentz de la comune si ieo sache nuyll home qe eyse[1] soit hors de la Gyld. Et qe serroi obedient e suwaunt al comaundement de le Meir e de la commune e a ses somouns. Si †vous† aide dieux et ses saintz. Amen.

V. B. No. 17. *Le serment de ceux qui entrunt la Gylde.*

Ceo oyetz vos Meyr et vos freres de la Gylde. que ieo leaument les leys de la Gylde tendray, et ma Gylde bien en totes eschoses sueray, et ou mes freres de la Gylde ou que ieo soye escoteray, sur le fee le Euesqe ou *mesme la fraunchise*[2]. Et que ieo garniray mon

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Apostle, in the tenth year, that the said Hen. should forfeit his gild wholly for ever.

Oath of the Gild.

This hear you Mayor and you Brethren of the Gild, that I will loyally keep the laws of the Gild, and will faithfully follow my Gild in all things; with my brethren of the Gild, wherever I may be, I will pay scot, whether on the Bishop's Fee or elsewhere. And that I will have no company touching trade with strange people within the franchise. And that I will warn my Mayor and the good people of the community if I know of any man outside the Gild who is able (to enter). And that I will be obedient and pursuivant to the command of the Mayor and of the community and to their summonses. So help you (*sic*) God and his saints. Amen.

The oath of those who shall enter the Gild.

This hear you Mayor and you brethren of the Gild, that I will loyally keep the laws of the Gild and follow my Gild well in all things, and will pay scot with my brethren of the Gild wherever I may be, on the Bishop's Fee or on the franchise itself. And that I will warn my Mayor and the good people

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[1] Cf. Godefroy s.v. aisier, "qui a la commodité, la facilité de faire quelque chose."
[2] Added in a later hand.

Mair et le bone gentz de la commune, si ieo sasche nul home qe marchaunde deinz la fraunchise qe soit able dentrer la Gylde. Et que ieo serray obedient et suaunt al commaundement del Mair et a ses somounes, et les fraunchises et les bones custumes de la vile a mon poeer meynteneray. Si deux me ayde et ses seynz. Amen[1].

V. B. No. 18. *Le Serment de Jurrez.*

Ceo oyetz, vous Mayr et Jurretz, et vous freres de la Gylde, qe ieo leaux Jugements renderay, et lealment afferay auxi bien le poeures come les riches, chescun solonc la quantite del trespas, et qe ieo vendray continuelement a la Court de portmot et a la somouns de mon mayr, quant ieo serray garni du Bayllif, quant ieo soye en ville, si ieo ne aye resounable enchesoun; et qe ieo lealment meynteneray lassise de payn, vyn et ceruoise[2], oue mon Mayr; et les fraunchises et les bones custumes de la ville meynteneray et garderay a mon poeer. Si mayd dieux[3] et ses seyntz. Amen.

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of the community if I know of any man who trades in the franchise who is able to enter the Gild. And that I will be obedient and heedful to the command of the Mayor and to his summonses, and I will keep the franchises and the good customs of the town to my power. So help me God and his saints. Amen.

The oath of the Jurats.

This hear you Mayor and Jurats and you Brethren of the Gild, that I will render loyal judgements and loyally affeer both the poor and the rich, each according to the quantity of the trespass, and that I will continually come to the Court of Portmoot and to the summons of my Mayor, when I shall be warned by the bailiff, when I am in the town, unless I have reasonable excuse; and that I will loyally maintain the assize of bread, wine and beer with my Mayor, and I will maintain and keep the franchises and the good customs of the town to my power. So help me God and his saints. Amen.

[1] Printed in Gross, *Gild Merchant*, II. 138, and Bémont's *Simon de Montfort*, p. 365.
[2] Et toutz autres viteles (and all other victuals) is added in a later hand.
[3] *Dieux* added above the line.

XX. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 4, No. 93. [1336.] Taxacio decime domino Regi concesse tempore Willelmi Wareyn maioris anno decimo.

Box 4, No. 94. [1336.] Taxacio decime domini Regi concesse ad parliamentum suum apud Westmonasterium, anno decimo[1].

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	habet bona et catalla ad valenciam		inde Regi		habet bona et catalla ad valenciam		inde Regi	
	s.	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*	*s.*	*d.*
Rob. le Marewe	10	0	1	0	5	0		6
Tho. Wynger senior	5	0		6	10	0		8
Rob. le Nethyrde	2	6		3	2	6		3
Rog. de Croxton	2	6		3	2	6		3
Rob. de Sutton	5	0		6				
Will. de Sutton					30	0	2	0
Tho. Wade	5	0		6	5	0		6
Tho. le Ridere	5	0		6	5	0		6
Will. Seman	10	0	1	0	15	0	1	6
Agn. Gounfrey	12	6		9	10	0	1	0
Alicia quondam vxor Johannis Norman	2	6		3				
Joh. Norman					20	0	1	6
Petronilla Wade et filii sui	60	0	6	0	60	0	6	0
Joh. et Ric. fil. Hugonis de Knyghton					60	0	6	0
Ric. Wynger	20	0	2	0				
Joh. Wade mercer	10	0	1	0				
Joh. de Knyhtecote mercer	60	0	6	0				
Joh. de Shirforde	10	0	1	0	10	0	1	0
Amicia de Mouselegh	2	6		3	2	6		3
Will. de Kayham	70	0	7	0	80	0	7	0
Hen. de Barkeby	50	0	5	0				
Rog. Bonifaunt	10	0	1	0				
Rog. Bonifaunt et Hugo frater ejus					10	0	1	0
Joh. de Lynacre					5	0		6
Ric. Mildrith	2	6		3	2	6		3
Ric. Wynger					15	0	1	6
John Wade mercer					5	0		6
Rob. le Clerk					15	0	1	6
Will. Blak	15	0	1	6	20	0	2	0
Tho. Daubeneye	5	0		6	5	0		6

Taxation of the tenth granted to the lord King in the time of Will. Wareyn the Mayor in the tenth year.

Taxation of the tenth granted to the lord King at his parliament at Westminster in the tenth year.

[1] No. 94 represents the tenth granted at Westminster in March 1336, No. 93 probably represents the tenth granted at Nottingham, September 1336. No. 93 has been printed by Thompson, p. 451, but with some inaccuracies.

(The above may serve as a specimen of the variations between the two rolls. It will be noted that the fraction taken is generally the tenth, but sometimes less. The Roll 93 then proceeds (the value of the chattels alone is given below):—

	s.	d.
Rog. de Claybrok	40	0
Ric. de Knyghton[1]	5	0
Rad. de Friseby taillour ...	2	6
Joh. de Brokhay	2	6
Editha de Empyngham ...	5	0
Rob. le Palmere	10	0
Will. de Knyghton	100	0
Janyn le Webstere	5	0
Nic. le Frereman	20	0
Hen. de Wylughby	5	0
Maya de Scraptoft	5	0
Matilda le Waterman ...	2	6
Rog. de Knyghton mercer ...	5	0
Joh. de Bylteston	5	0
Will. de Normanton	20	0
Joh. Wynger	2	6
Nic. le Keu	10	0
Rog. le Forester	12	6
Matilda de Thornton ...	15	0
Joh. Kyng sherman	2	6
Ric. de Walkote	20	0
Rob. de Botlesford draper ...	15	0
Ric. Byllyng	15	0
Will. de Suthfolk	15	0
Rad. Werpelok	3	4
Johanna de Kyrkeby ...	10	0
Joh. Bateman	2	6
Will. de Malteby	15	0
Matilda de Norton	10	0
Cecil. Blanchard	5	0
Joh. de Assh	5	0
Tho. le Lorimer	2	6
Felicia le Lorimer	15	0
Joh. de Sibbesdon	5	0
Will. de Lyncoln	12	6
Will. Fox cotiler	20	0
Will. le Sadelere	5	0
Rob. le Lorimer	100	0
Simon de Ayleston	10	0
Tho. fil. Thome Wynger ...	10	0
Will. Amice	3	4
Ric. de Radeford	1	8
Alicia de Anlep	2	6
Joh. Grom	7	6
Phil. de Drayton	30	0
Laur. Fykeys	10	0
Margeria de Anlep	1	8
Joh. Kelyng	5	0
Joh. Doughty	5	0
Rob. de Coventre	10	0
Vxor Reginaldi de Titleshale	5	0
Will. Beler mercer	40	0
Nic. le Skynnere	30	0
Laur. Maderman	5	0
Tho. de Okham	5	0
Will. Gentyl	3	4
Mich. le Baxster	3	4
Rob. de Mardefeld	5	0
Will. Pageapart	3	4
Ric. de Boseworth	5	0
Marioun de Couentria ...	10	0
Filius Petri le Wrighte ...	3	4
Alic. quondam vxor Willelmi de Stapelford	5	0
Ric. de Stoke	5	0
Vxor Galfridi de Thorp ...	5	0
Will. le Ferour	10	0
Rob. le Taillour	5	0
Isabell. Melemaker	3	4
Rad. de Euyngton	5	0
Ric. le Riuers	5	0
Hen. le Nedlere	5	0
Joh. le Cat	2	6
Joh. de Bocherston	2	6
Hen. le Curreour	2	6
Joh. de Beuerlaco	3	4
Rog. de Mynsterton	10	0
Joh. de Bedeford	10	0
Tho. Pouke	3	4
Nic. le Cartere	2	6
Joh. Lomb	5	0
Joh. de Tykhyll	2	6
Will. Sharp	5	0
Hugo de Braunston sherman	20	0
Will. Waterman	5	0
Reg. de Wykyniston	15	0
Will. de Halton	2	6
Joh. le Porter	10	0
Galf. de Lutterworth	5	0
Ric. de Anlep	15	0

[1] Draper, Roll 94.

	s.	d.
Ric. de Baddeslegh	30	0
Will. de Coppelowe	3	4
Isabell. de Houghton ...	1	8
Will. de Wolueye	5	0
Rog. de Groby	6	8
Rog. de Neubold	6	8
Will. de Mynsterton	5	0
Will. le Keu dextere	35	0
Ric. de Whenlesbergh ...	6	8
Will. le Gardiner	2	6
Johanna Sterre et Alicia ...	5	0
Joh. de Whenlesbergh ...	2	6
Will. de Stanton	5	0
Joh. Tebold	30	0
Joh. Sturdi	15	0
Will. de Thurmeston ...	10	0
Jon. Hodinges junior ...	60	0
Joh. Joye mercer	25	0
Will. de Beby cum Hugone Garcione	80	
Will. de Wakefeld	30	0
Alic. le Fysshere	5	0
Will. Merlyn	15	0
Rob. le Taverner	5	0
Hen. Aldyth	10	0
Will. Aurifaber	40	0
Rog. le Furbour	5	0
Joh. de Claybrok	5	0
Ric. le Keu	60	0
Rob. de Merkefeld	2	6
Sim. le Barbour	10	0
Rob. Burgeys pro shoppa ...	40	0
Galf. le Sadlere	2	6
Joh. Atte Walsshalle ...	6	8
Ric. Martyn	5	0
Pet. Tengy	6	8
Hen. Dowel	50	0
Rog. Pestell	30	0
Will. le Barbour	2	6
Joh. de Valle	2	6
Matil. Moubray	10	0
Ad. de Oke	20	0
Mic. le Walker	2	6
Tho. le Masoun	5	0
Alic. de Baggeworth	2	6
Pet. de Mountsorell	80	
Powerus le Walker	20	0
Walt. Mile	30	0
Hen. le[1] Botellar	10	0

[1] MS. de.

	s.	d.
Will. de Anlep	50	0
Tho. Rodekok	10	0
Tho. le Marchall	5	0
Alic. de Craunford	5	0
Alic. de Cosington	2	6
Will. de Mountsorell ...	5	0
Joh. de Thurmeston taillour	2	6
Will. le Coupere	2	6
Joh. le Bouwer	2	6
Will. le Turnour	50	0
Will. de Seyntlowe	10	0
Joh. le Peyntour	30	0
Elena de Barkeby	2	6
Joh. de Rodington	10	0
Ric. Kypping	2	6
Alic. de Thurmeston ...	7	6
Rob. de Barewell	2	6
Courtamer le Curreour ...	2	6
Joh. Gounfrey	2	6
Ric. de Braunston	1	8
Joh. de Rippele	5	0
Margeria de Bentelegh ...	5	0
Tho. Deth	5	0
Tho. Geryn	5	0
Sim. le Curreour	10	0
Rog. de Blaby	20	0
Will. le Dextere	60	0
Joh. Othe Waynhous ...	120	
Rog. de Glenfeld	5	0
Will. de Aston cocus ...	66	8
Ric. le Glover	2	6
Ric. le Plummer	7	6
Joh. Geryn	5	0
Heph. le Belleyetere	25	0
Rob. de Rolleston	5	0
Joh. de Rolleston	5	0
Ric. le Large	5	0
Ric. de Thornton	2	6
Will. Faber	1	8
Amicia de Stocton	2	6
Hawis. Bouwemaker et filius eius	5	0
Amicia Sire	1	8
Ric. Wery	2	6
Joh. de Cosseby	2	6
Rad. Derlyng	2	6
Joh. de Euyngton	2	6

Summa vii*li.* xii*s.* x*d.*

	s.	d.
Will. de Stretton	5	0
Hug. Bonifaunt	5	0
Serlo de Cosington	15	0
Joh. de Louseby	20	0
Filii Willelmi de Lyncoln mercer	2	6
Nic. de Notingham	5	0
Will. de Cotes	5	0
Joh. de Sharneford	10	0
Ric. de Groby	2	6
Will. Heym	10	0
Sim. le Swon	5	0
Rob. Fode	2	6
Ric. de Stoke	20	0
Matilda Mikelloue	2	6
Tho. de Beby mercer ...	25	0
Nic. le Irenmonger	2	6
Hugo de Beby	2	6
Alan. Tayt	6	8
Ad. de Lichfeld	10	0
Ad. Fyssh	10	0
Rob. de Lichfeld	2	6
Will. le Pottere		
Joh. de Morton	5	0
Will. de Ernesby	2	6
Hen. de Weston	10	0
Isabella le Shepehirde ...	2	6
Magister Joh. Glyde	20	0
Joh. de Ayleston capellanus	15	0
Ric. de Knyghton capellanus	10	0
Galf. le Turnour[1]	1	8
Rosa Oilidoun	2	6
Will. de Outheby	3	4
Tho. de Foston	2	6
Summa xxiiii*s.* iiii*d.*		

Summa totalis Tallagii xxix*li.* xix*s.* iiii*d.*

	s.	d.
v°. Will. le Plastrere ...	1	8
Will. de Clounham	10	0
Johanna Poutrell	20	0
Rob. Kelyng	5	0
Hen. de Skeftington	2	6
Joh. Becke	1	8
Ric. de Scothorn	3	4
Tho. de Wetton	10	0
Hug. de Mountsorell ...	40	0
Joh. de Thurmeston	2	6
Joh. Burgeys	5	0
Ric. de Swepston	15	0
Joh. de Donington	2	6
Elyas le Tayllour	2	6
Will. le Fyssher	20	0
Hen. de Belegraue	10	0
Rob. Ladde	5	0
Joh. de Enderdeby et socius eius	7	6
Rob. Diuelok et socius eius	2	6
Hugo Bulch	2	6
Sim. le Quarreour	2	6
Hen. de Boresworth	10	0
Ad. fil. Edithe	2	6
Galf. Fyssh	40	0
Walt. Fyssh	120	
Sim. de Thorp	125	
Joh. de Worthington ...	15	0
Ad. le Latthere	10	0
Rob. le Staleworth	5	3
Rog. Glyde	2	6
Amicia Glyde	2	6
Nic. le Baxtere	5	0
Will. Frereman	2	6
Sim. Curleuache	5	0
Joh. de Pakyngton	2	6
Joh. le Breuettour	5	0
Will. de Wylughby	2	6
Hugo le Furner iunior ...	2	6
And. Sixandtwenty	10	0
Joh. le Northerne	15	0
Joh. de Marisco	2	6
Joh. de Repingdon	2	6
Ric. de Houghton	5	0
Rob. de Griselegh	40	0
Rog. le Bee	40	0
Rob. de Kayham	10	0
Joh. le Hubbere	7	6
Will. de Woderoue	2	6
Nic. de Beby	2	6
Joh. Samwell	10	0
Will. Ace	15	0
Hugo de Baddeslegh ...	2	6
Will. Page	2	6
Will. Gaylard	5	0
Will. Rough	2	6

[1] *vacat.*

	s.	d.
Ric. Lefthand	15	0
Rog. de Braunston	20	0
Margeria de Gaddesby ...	20	0
Rob. le Porter	33	4
Ric. de Knyghton	5	0
Rob. de Stocton	20	0
Galf. de Sallowe	6	8
Will. le Plastrere	2	6
Joh. de Foston	5	0
Joh. de Derby	40	0
Margeria de Assheby ...	2	6
Alan. de Desford	20	0
Hen. de Kayham	10	0
Will. le Porter iunior ...	2	6
Johanna de Ingwardby ...	15	0
Ad. de Tylton	15	0
Rob. de Burton	5	0
Will. de Clypston	30	0
Ric. Bonifaunt	3	4
Joh. de Braunston	2	6
Rob. de Beby...	70	0
Will. de Wykham	2	6
Joh. Bonifaunt	5	0
Hawis. de Stocton	5	0
Alan. de Humberston ...	10	0
Will. le Porter senior ...	20	0
Will. de Beby drapere ...	30	0
Ric. Cagge	10	0
Rob. de Beby drapere ...	20	0
Will. de Thorp	20	0
Berthol. de Knyghton ...	50	0
Ric. de Rowell	5	0
Ivo le Tayllour	3	4
Galf. le Lorimer	7	6
Ric. de Stonton	2	6
Nic. de Sandon	25	0
Will. Othe Waynhous ...	130	
Pet. de Worthyngton ...	2	6
Andreas Sweyn	2	6
Joh. le Wrihgte	2	6
Hen. de Derby	3	4
Margeria Donne et Alicia soror sua	3	4
Matilda quondam andesmayden	2	6
Summa vi*li.* x*s.* iii*d.*		
Rog. Othe Waynhous ...	50	0
Will. de Burgh	10	0
Rob. Othe Waynhous whelwrighte	10	0

	s.	d.
Will. de Stoke thakkere ...	2	6
Tho. Aboueton	5	0
Ric. de Weldon	2	6
Walt. de Assheby	5	0
Matilda Condlough	10	0
Joh. le Ploughwrighte ...	2	6
Will. Belamy coupere ...	40	0
Editha de Outheby	3	4
Adam Edrich	10	0
Will. de Rokyngham ...	5	0
Joh. Hurre	2	6
Rog. le Thakkere	5	0
Ric. de Lyddington	7	6
Joh. le Warde	2	6
Emma de Houby	5	0
Will. Wynd	10	0
Ranulph. le Sawer	10	0
Joh. Botte	2	6
Joh. Attehalle	5	0
Hen. le Forester	5	0
Joh. Tebold loksmyth ...	1	8
Joh. le Marchall	5	0
Tho. de Bukkeby	10	0
Galf. Ridell	2	6
Pet. le Sadelere	60	0
Hen. le Dexstere	5	0
Hen. le Chalouner	5	0
Ric. de Foston	5	0
Joh. de Tokeby	20	0
Hugo Russel	2	6
Will. Russell	2	6
Ad. Pestell	5	0
Rog. Mayheu	2	6
Will. Hendeman	6	8
Hen. Russell	2	6
Rob. Pyk	2	6
Will. de Wrelton	10	0
Joh. de Broghton	2	6
Hen. Underwode	2	6
Reg. Pestel	40	0
Will. le Blake	2	6
Nic. Hendeman	5	0
Isabella de Bradgate ...	5	0
Petronilla de Melton ...	15	0
Joh. Stote	2	6
Rad. Curteys	5	0
Margeria de Claybrok ...	5	0
Alicia le Mercer et Johannes filius eius	5	0
Nic. Blanchard	5	0

	s.	d.
Joh. de Couentria cocus ...	10	0
Ad. Herbert	5	0
Rob. Lewys	2	6
Joh. de Notingham	10	0
Hugh de Peyghtylton ...	2	6
Ric. le Barbour	2	6
Alex. de Boseworth	30	0
Matilda de Queningburgh ...	40	0
Joh. Sturdi	10	0
Wili. de Dunstaple	60	0
Joh. de Turueye	100	
Rob. le Mercer	6	8
Ric. Leuerich	60	0
Joh. de Oundele	2	6
Rog. le Chaundeler	5	0
Magister Johannes le keu ...	50	0
Will. Curteys	5	0
Agnes Kelyng	30	0
Mar. Lyndrich	2	6
Joh. le Marewe	80	
Anekous de Stapleton ...	50	0
Joh. de Diggeby	30	0
Will. le Sherman	40	0
Hugo de Ouerton sherman ...	10	0
Tho. de Abathia	6	8
Joh. de Couentria skynner ...	5	0
Bert. de Keworth	2	6
Rob. de Dalby sutor... ...	1	8
Hen. le Peyntour	10	0
Rob. de Dalby iunior ...	10	0
Joh. Martyn	40	0
Will. Verrarius	10	0
Joh. Blodletere	5	0
Matilda le Blake	15	0
Will. Geryn	15	0
Galf. de Kent	50	0
Joh. de Parys	15	0
Will. de Humberston ...	40	0
Will. de Cloune	120	
Joh. Alsi	120	
Hawis de Gouteby	50	0
Amic. de Holte	10	0
Will. de Kent	2	6
Milo Samme	5	0
Tho. le Tauerner	5	0
Christof. de †Enderderdeby†	2	6
Will. le Chalouner	2	6
Will. Horn de Melton ...	5	0
Joh. de Bygenhyll	6	8
Ric. de Whatton	5	0
Will. Page	2	6
Joh. de Wolueye	2	6
Gilb. le Auyner	50	0
Joh. le Hayword clericus ...	10	0
Summa viii*li.* xii*s.* iii*d.*		

Taxatores.

Rob. le Clerk	1	0
Will. de Sutton	1	0
Ric. Norman	5	0
Joh. Brid	1	0
Will. de Keldale	4	0
Tho. Martyn	2	0
Tho. Gegge		9
Will. de Assheby coruiser ...		6
Galf. de Oseberston	2	0
Will. Baroun	2	0
Joh. de Tirlington	1	0
Ric. de Neuton	1	6
Will. Aldyth	1	0
Summa xxii*s.* ix*d.*		

Memorandum quod Taxatores supradicti reddunt compotum suum de isto Tallagio Willelmo de Cloune Maiori. Et est summa totalis xxix*li.* xix*s.* iiii*d.* E quibus computant liberatum Hugoni Turuill et Rogero de Belegraue capitalibus taxatoribus domini Regis ut patet per acquietancias suas xxvi*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.* Et Willelmo Wareyn tempore

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Note that the taxors aforesaid render their account of this tallage to Will. de Cloune the Mayor. And the sum total is £29. 19*s.* 4*d.* Of which they account paid to Hugh Turville and Roger of Belgrave chief taxors of the lord King, as appears by their acquittances, £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* And to Will. Wareyn

maioratus sui xl*s.* ad opus Simonis Simeon[1]. Et allocatum est eis pro expensis suis pro acquietanciis suis habendis et de diuersis pauperibus vbi non potuit leuari xiiii*s.* Et debent xii*s.* Et postea liberatum Willelmo de Cloune Maiori xii*s.* ad respondendum super compotum suum. Et sic equi et recesserunt quieti exceptis vii*s.* v*d.* de minutis collectis extra summam vnde habent respondere communitati.

[The total of Roll 94 is £30. 7*s.* 4*d.*, of which 11 taxors contribute £1. 3*s.* 10*d.* The taxors are not the same as those who collected for Roll 93.]

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in the time of his mayoralty £2 for the use of Simon Simeon. And there is allowed to them for their expenses in getting their acquittances and for divers poor people from whom (the tenth) could not be levied 14*s.* And they owe 12*s.* And afterwards there is paid to Will. de Cloune the Mayor 12*s.*, to answer on his account. And so equal, and they withdrew quit, except for 7*s.* 5*d.* of small collections outside the sum whereof they have to answer to the community.

Box 4, No. 95. [1337]. Tallage assessed on Friday (Nov. 28) next after the feast of St Catherine (11 Ed. III.) of the fifteenth and tenth granted to the lord King at his parliament at Westminster on Friday before Michaelmas in the said year (Nov. 21). (The estimate of chattels is not given. The list is similar to No. 93.)

Sum total without the taxors £28. 12*s.* 10*d.*

Sum of the taxors £1. 0*s.* 9*d.* Whereof Will. de Cloune is charged on his account for the time of his mayoralty as appears etc.

Note that the aforesaid collectors render their account of this tallage before Will. de Cloune, Mayor, and the Jurats and many of the community then being in the Gildhall. And the sum total of the receipt of the said tallage, as appears above, £28. 12*s.* 10*d.* Whereof he accounts paid to Roger of Belgrave and Hugh Turville chief taxors of the fifteenth and tenth of the lord King, as appears by acquittances remaining in his possession, £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* And paid to Ric. of Donington for his expenses at parliament at Westminster in the time when Will. Wareyn was Mayor £1, for the aforesaid Will. Wareyn for his debt. And there is allowed to them for their expenses on the said collectors and their clerks for having their acquittances 1*s.* 7*d.* And paid to Will. de Cloune, then Mayor, on account 17*s.* 11*d.* And so the sum total of payment and allowance, £28. 12*s.* 10*d.* And so equal, and they withdrew quit. And afterwards there was delivered to the said Will. de Cloune then Mayor, of the tallage of the said taxors outside the said sum as appears above, £1. 0*s.* 9*d.* Whereof he shall charge himself on his account.

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[1] One of the Earl's officers. See below.

XXI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 122. [1337–8]. Account of John Alsy, Mayor of Leicester, for all his receipts, charges and payments (29 Sep. 11 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 12 Ed. III.).

Receipts. He answers for 4*s.* for rent of the four booths under the gild solar, and 5*s.* received from the chamber beyond the South Gate, of rent, and 2*s.* received from Stephen the Bell-founder for the chamber beyond the North Gate, of rent.

Arrears. He answers for 6*s.* 6*d.* received of Will. of Thurmaston and his fellows, collectors of the tallage assessed for the tenth granted to the King in the tenth year, arrears of the said William.

(Gild receipts £6. 6*s.* 0*d.*)

He answers for £63. 8*s.* 6*d.* received from the hand of Will. de Cloune for a certain tallage assessed and raised for the tenth to the King, for two years, as appears by headings.

Sum total of receipts for fines of the gild, rents and tallage—£70. 12*s.* 0*d.*

And he delivered to Will. de Cloune the Mayor[1] a certain schedule concerning 11*s.* 8*d.* to be levied.

Expenses. He accounts in expenses to wit in one tun of wine sent to the lord Earl on his arrival at Leicester (Oct. 1, 1337), £5. 6*s.* 8*d.* In carriage and porterage of the said tun to the castle 4*d.* To two messengers from the Exchequer at that time 2*d.* To the Steward of the Earl and many other officers in the presence of William de Cloune at dinner (wine, pears, nuts).—Total £5. 8*s.* 8*d.*

In a present sent to Master Ralph de Turvill for having his aid with (versus) the collectors, taxors of the lord King's tenth, for having allowance of money paid to the sheriff for fines made before Sir Will. Trussel (bread, wine). To Nic. of Upton, messenger of the King, and his two fellows coming to the Mayor and community with the King's commission for the levying of the tenth, 1*s.*

In a present to Robert of Hungerford, auditor of the Earl's account, on his coming to Leicester (Nov. 28) (bread, beer). Given to two cockins of the Exchequer coming from the Court with rumours 11*d.*

Expenses incurred for the taxors of the King's tenth (bread, beer, kitchen) at divers times 2*s.*

In a present to Roger la Zouche for having allowance of moneys paid for fines made before W. Trussel (bread, wine). Sent to Roger holding his feast at his house (wine). (Exchequer messengers.) Sent to Sir Will. Trussel coming to Leicester to enquire by commission of the lord King concerning the moiety of wools (bread, wine). To Rob. of Hungerford coming to Leicester on Hokeday concerning the view of the account (bread, wine, beer). Sent to Sir Will. Trussel coming to Leicester another time (bread, wine, beer). In the expenses of Rob. Howel and Tho. of Bereford coming to Leicester before the feast of the Lord's Ascension to enquire of the moiety of wools after the withdrawal of Will. Trussel, at dinner in the presence of Will. de Cloune and John of Turvey and others (bread, wine, beer and kitchen).—Total 15*s.* 9¼*d.*

He accounts given by consent of the said Will. de Cloune and John of Turvey to the said Rob. Howel and Tho. of Bereford, 3 yards and a quarter of cloth for hose, price 8*s.* 8*d.* Given to Ric. of Donington for his expenses at parliament held at Westminster at Candlemas in the 12th year[2], by assent of the community

[1] Alsy's successor.

[2] Feb. 3—14, 1338, when one half of the wool was granted.

13*s.* 4*d.* Given to John Boyvill and his fellows for the expenses of one man going to Portsmouth and for his equipment (apparatu) 9*s.* For two pairs of hose at 2*s.* each to Sir Edmund Trussel and John le Blound at Christmas 11 Ed. III. (The same) to Nic. the Butler and Walt. the Baker (and four pair at 1*s.* 6*d.* to 4 others). Given to the messenger of the Duke of Cornwall[1] bringing a letter of the lord King under the privy seal to the Mayor and community 2*d.*—Total £2. 3*s.* 2*d.*

Payment of money. He accounts paid to Robert the clerk and John Hodinges the serjeant (the usual fees)—£3. 6*s.* 8*d.* To the King by the hand of Will. Wareyn and John of Turvey at Ipswich £53. 6*s.* 8*d.* To the above for their expenses for 9 days as appears by particulars £2. 8*s.* 7¼*d.* To John Martyn and Rob. of Foston for their expenses at Northampton for six days 12*s.* To Robert of Foston for his expenses at London for seeking the acquittance of tallage, during 8 days, with horse-hire 10*s.* For parchment 6*d.* Paid to Will. de Cloune the Mayor £3.—Total £56. 12*s.* 9¼*d.*

Sum total of charges and expenses £71. 12*s.* 0½*d.*

[v°.] Note that John Alsy late Mayor of the town of Leicester rendered account (Oct. 23, 1338) before Will. de Cloune then Mayor and all the Jurats and all the community being there, of all his receipts, charges and payments (Sep. 29, 1337—Sep. 29, 1338). (Receipts £70. 12*s.* Expenses £71. 12*s.* 0½*d.*) And there is allowed to him of his own tallage for the loss (amissione) of a tun of wine £1. And there is allowed to him for the tallage of W. de Cloune 16*s.* And he delivered to Will. de Cloune, Mayor, a certain schedule of 11*s.* 8*d.* of arrears of the said tallage to be levied. And he withdrew quit by witness of all the community then being there.

XXII. *A Cannemol*[2].

Box 5, No. 123. [1338.] Cannemol in the time of John Alsy, Mayor, in 12 Ed. III. (25 persons pay 27*s.* 9*d.*, 59 pay 75*s.* 9*d.*, 45 pay 64*s.* and 28 pay 32*s.*). Sum total £9. 19*s.* 6*d.*

Affeerors[3]. John Alsy Mayor, Will. Wareyn, Joh. le Marewe, Joh. of Derby, Ric. Leverich, Geoff. of Kent, Ric. of Walcote, Rob. the Porter, Joh. Hodinges junior, Rog. of Claybrooke, Tho. Martyn, Ric. of Wanlip.

XXIII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 96[4]. [1338.] Tallage of the tenth of the lord King levied at the feast of the Apostles Peter (and Paul) (June 29) 12 Ed. III., for (two) years...(torn) (John) Alsy then being Mayor and collector of the said tallage by the aid of Will. (Cloune)...(torn) and other Jurats[5]. (No total, names badly torn.)

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[1] Edward III.'s son Edward was made Duke of Cornwall Feb. 1337.

[2] See I. p. 207, &c.

[3] Or assessors. MS. *Affor.*

[4] In very bad condition. The skin remaining is probably a portion only of the whole roll.

[5] It is probably the tallage of £63. 8*s.* 6*d.* accounted for above.

XXIV. *A Cannemol.*

Box 4, No. 97. [1339.] Cannemol in the time of Will. de Cloune, Mayor, 13 Ed. III. Bonifaunt (answering for the East suburb?) 34 names (including John the Bishop's cook) total 33*s.* Ridel (answering for) the North quarter, 38 names (including Will. the cook of St John's (Hospital), and Adam of Hoby pardoned because he is the Earl's bailiff, and John "at the Walshall") paying 56*s.* 3*d.* Willoughby (answering for) the South and West quarter, 34 names, paying 38*s.* 6*d.* Hoby for the quarter (?East) within the town, 62 names, paying 74*s.* 9*d.*

Names of the affeerors.—Total £10. 2*s.* 6*d.*

XXV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 36. [1338–9.] (Roll of the Gild of Merchants in the time of Will. de Cloune, Mayor, Sep. 29, 12 Ed. III. till (blank). Gild entries):—

*Rob. de Rolleston, *Will. de Crendon sellarius, *Hen. de Berleston, *Will. de Louseby, *Will. de Norton barker, *Ivo le Barker, Pet. de Coventria parminter, *Sim. de Rolleston cotiler, *Will. de Thyrneby, *Rob de Belegrave carpenter, Joh. fil. Ricardi le fissher, *Joh. de Stafford, *Ric. de Sutton, *Will. de Cotes upholder[1], *Tho. de Thurleston corvuiser, Nic. de Coventria mercer, Will. fil. Willelmi de Burgh cartewrighte (s.p.), *Joh. de Tykhyll piscarius, Joh. fil. Reginaldi de Wykyngeston.

Constitucio facta per communitatem. Memorandum quod die Veneris proxima ante festum apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi a.r.r. Edwardi tercii a conquestu terciodecimo per assensum Willelmi de Cloune Maioris, Johannis le Marewe, Joh. de Derby, Will. Waryn, Ric. Leuerich, Will. de Dunstaple, Rog. de Claybrooke, Tho. Martyn, Joh. de le Waynhous, Galf. de Kent, Ric. de Walkote, Hen. de Barkeby et Rob. le Porter Juratorum, Johannis Brid, Petri le Sadeler, Reg. de Wykynston, Will. Aurifabri, Alex. de Boseworth, Laur. Fikeys, Galf. Fyssh, Will. de Assheby cotiler, Will. de Keldale, Joh. de Tirlington, Joh. le Porter, Will. de Beby mercer, Will. de Assheby, Will. de Sutton, Ric. de Neuton, Will. Baroun, Galf. de Oseberston,

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Constitution made by the community. Note that on Friday (Ap. 30) next before the feast of the Apostles Philip and James 13 Ed. III. by the consent of Will. de Cloune, Mayor (and 12 Jurats and 26 others as above), and many

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[1] Upholsterer, in the sense of cheap-jack, one who holds up his wares for sale, Skeat, *Etym. Dict.*, *Prompt. Parv.* "that sellythe smal thyngys."

Will. de Wrelton, Will. le Fyssher, Will. Aldyth, Nic. de Assheby, Ade de Lichfeld, Tho. Gegge et Will. Seman, Joh. de Stafford, Tho. Rodecok et plurimorum aliorum de communitate tunc in pleno morewenspeche existentium provisum fuit et concessum, quod nullus taxator nec collector tallagiorum in villa Leycestrie de cetero quieti sint nec allocati de eorum tallagiis nec taxacionibus, sed quod quilibet eorum soluat suum taxum prout taxatur sicut ceteri de communitate. Et concessum est similiter per eosdem quod omnes taxatores et collectores de taxacionibus decime domini Regis de tribus annis preteritis eodem modo soluant eorum taxum sine aliqua allocacione, ita quod quilibet de communitate tam Jurati quam †alios† de communitate de cetero recipiant onus suum ad taxandum et colligendum cum in aula gylde in pleno †morewenspe† eligantur quilibet post alium nemini parcendo.

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others of the community, then being in full morningspeech, it was provided and granted that no taxor or collector of tallages in the town of Leicester should henceforth be quit of or allowed for their tallages or taxations, but that each of them should pay his tax, as he is taxed, like the others of the community. And it is similarly granted by them that all the taxors and collectors of the taxations of the tenth of the lord King for the past three years in the same way should pay their tax without any allowance, so that each of the community, both Jurats and others of the community, shall henceforth receive his burden to be taxed and collected when in the Gildhall in full morningspeech they are chosen, each after other, sparing no one.

XXVI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 146. [1338–9.] Account of Will. de Cloune, Mayor, for all his receipts etc. Sep. 29, 12 Ed. III.—Sep. 29, 13 Ed. III.

Arrears of the Mayor. He answers for £3 received from John Alsy sometime Mayor for his arrears for the preceding year.

Arrears of tallage. And for...from collectors and taxors of the King's tenth in the tenth year. And for...received from the same for their own tallage at that time not counted. And for...from...arrears of the King's tenth in the 11th year, and for...from the same for their own tallages not counted at that time. And for... from...collectors of the King's tenth in the 9th year...Total £4. 15*s.* 3*d.*

Rents. 5*s.* from the South Gate, 11*d.* from the North Gate, for rent. 4*s.* from the booths, from the East and West Gates nothing.—9*s.* 11*d.* Gild receipts as are contained in his roll of the Gild, £6. 1*s.* 4*d.*

King's tallage. He answers for £30. 12*s.* 10*d.* received from a certain tallage, assessed for wool granted to the lord King this year, to wit for every 2*s.* of the

tenth of the lord King, one stone of wool weighed by the 14 lb.[1] and no more here, because 13*s.* 3*d.* are respited and pardoned by the community.

Received for the lord's present. And of £5. 16*s.* 1*d.* received from fourscore men granting of their good will, as appears by headings, for a present sent to the lord Earl at his coming to Leicester at Christmas in the 12th year.

Total receipt £50. 15*s.* 5*d.*

Expenses in the lord's visit. (Wine.) In expenses of John Blount, Ric. Passemer, Pet. of Wotton, Hugh Langfeith, Gilb. Forester, and their yeomen (valett') and others of the lord's household dining with the Mayor at the tavern at that time 3*s.* 6*d.*, as appears by particulars.

Voluntary expenses. In the expenses of the lord Earl's Steward and others of the lord's Court, Jurats of the town of Leicester and others of the community, dining with the Mayor when he was presented in the lord Earl's Court, bread, wine, beer, kitchen and other necessary victuals, 18*s.* 4½*d.* In the expenses of Rog. of Bowdon his clerk and his groom, coming to Leicester with the lord King's commission to choose 20 archers from the said town to proceed to the lord King, dining with the Mayor, 6*d.* In the expenses of Robert of Hungerford auditor of the lord Earl's account and his clerks and yeomen dining with the Mayor, John Alsy then being there, and others of the lord Earl's Court, 3*s.* 5*d.* as appears by parcels. Given to 4 cockins from the Exchequer coming to the Mayor with news four times, 4*d.* Given to a certain messenger bearing the lord King's writs to the sheriff, 2*d.* Given to John de Freland senior on his coming, a pair of shoes (calciament') price 1*s.*—Total £1. 3*s.* 9½*d.*

Present of the lord Earl. Sent to the Earl coming to Leicester at Christmas, by the consent of the community, 1 tun of wine, price £6. In carriage of the same to the castle, 3*d.* In 2 swans (syngnis) sent to him, 10*s.* In 20 pair of shoes (calciament') given in the lord's Court at that time to Sir Edmund Trussel, knight, Master Henry de la Dale, and other persons, esquires, and yeomen, as appears by chapters, 18*s.*—£7. 8*s.* 3*d.*

Small gifts. One to Ric. of Willoughby coming to Leicester to hold an assize on Wednesday next after the feast of St Matthias, 2 gallons of wine 1*s.* 4*d.*, price per gallon 8*d.* Sent to Sir Robert of Saddington coming there then, bread, wine, 1 quarter of oats 1*s.* 1*d.*, because the said Sir Robert was of our counsel and aid in getting our tallage of the King's tenth for two years[2] (fuit de consilio et auxilio nostro pro tallagia nostra decime domini Regis ii annorum perquirend'). Sent to Sir John Charneles coming to Leicester with the lord King's commission to enquire concerning wools taken for the use of the lord King (bread, wine). To Ric. Leverych and Ric. of Walcote, chosen by consent of the community to go to parliament at Westminster at Candlemas, the 13th year beginning, for their expenses going, coming, staying for 19 days, 47*s.* 6*d.*, each taking 1*s.* 3*d.* per day.

Given to many of the community arrayed and mustered (demonstrat') in the Field, according to the Statute of Winchester, by the lord's order before the feast of St Peter in Chains (Aug. 1), drinking in the Saturday Market, by assent, after the muster, 26 gallons of beer 2*s.* 2*d.* Given to minstrels piping (tubant') before them 3*d.* In expenses of Sir Edmund Trussel, John de Freland and others of the Court dining with the Mayor on that day, in bread, wine, beer, as appears by parcels, 2*s.* 6*d.*

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[1] See below, p. 53. The Articles of the King's Commission fixed the proportion at a stone of wool for every 2*s.* of the fifteenth. The Leicester stone had weighed 13 lbs.; see I. p. 191, and the table in the Vellum Book (see *Eng. Hist. Rev.* XIV. 505) also puts it at 13 lb.

[2] Probably he obtained for them some reduction.

Payment of money. He accounts in 6 sacks, 21 stone and a half, and 3 pounds and a half, of wool, delivered to John Martyn for the use of the lord King by the hands of Will. de Cloune and Ric. Leverych, £33. 0*s.* 10*d.*, the price of each sack £4. 16*s.* 8*d.*, that is to say each sack weighed by the 14 lb., price of each stone 3*s.* 8½*d.*

Small expenses. Sent to Master John de (blank) of Leicester for having his aid concerning a tallage on the account of Roger of Belgrave and Hugh Turville for the business of the community, 2 gallons of white wine 1*s.* 4*d.* Given to a certain messenger coming from Scotland from Sir Will. la Zouche with rumours, 2*d.* Given to the minstrels of the lord Earl at the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary (Aug. 15), when the lord held his feast, 1*s.* Given to Rob. the Blower, messenger of the lord King at that time, 4*d.* Sent to the Countess of Derby and the lady Isabella the daughter of the lady Countess, in 2 gallons of white wine, 1*s.* 8*d.*, price of each gallon 10*d.*

Necessary expenses. In a bag of leather bought to put the roll in, 2*d.* In mending of the bridge towards the church of St Sepulchre[1] by task, by view of John Brid, 9*d.* And delivered to them a big beam (lignum) which was removed[2] beyond the South Gate, without price. (Fees of the clerk, serjeant, salmon-fee as usual.) Expenses of another parliament. Paid to Tho. Robert's son the clerk, going in aid of Will. Wareyn to parliament at Westminster at Michaelmas 13 Ed. III., 3*s.* 4*d.* To John Leverich, late Mayor, for debts of the community of Leicester in the time of his mayoralty 9 Ed. III., 40*s.*

Total expense £50. 13*s.* 9*d.* And so William owes 1*s.* 8*d.* which he paid to John Martyn his successor on account. And so the said William withdrew quit.

XXVII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 41. [1340–1.] Roll of the Gild Merchant in the time of Peter (sic) of Kent, Mayor 14 (—15) Ed. III. (Entries.) *Hen. fil. Alani de Rothewell, *Will. de Minstreton, *Will. Gaunter, *Hen. de Withcok, *Hen. Geoffrey de Louseby, Rob. Burgeys, Tho. Abovetoun, *Joh. de Ilueston, *Will. de Naneby, Rad. Geryn, *Joh. de Kynston, Will. fil. Walteri Aldith (s. p.), *Joh. de Est Norton, *Joh. de Bildeston, *Joh. de Melbourne barbator domini Regis[3], *Rob. de Stretton clericus, Tho. Wade (s. p.), Sym. le Swon, *Joh. Mauueys.

XXVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 147. [1340–1]. Account of Geoffrey of Kent, Mayor (from Sep. 29, 14 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 15 Ed. III.), of all his receipts (&c.).

He answers for 4*s.* 10½*d.* of the arrears of John Martyn in the time of his mayoralty.

Receipt of rents. (The 4 shops under the solar of Gildhall 4*s.*) And from the South and North Gates nothing this year because empty.

Receipt of tallage. He answers for £30. 1*s.* 7*d.* received from the tallage assessed for the ninths of sheaves, lambs and fleeces and for merchandise from

[1] Outside the South Gate. See Round's *Catalogue of French Charters*, p. 229, for a mention of this church in 1190—1204.

[2] Written plainly *bemot'*, but the clerk may have had the English word for lignum in his mind and so have written *b* for *r*.

[3] Barber of the lord King.

the said town as of money granted to the lord King at his parliament at Westminster on Midsummer Day in the 13th year of his reign[1]. And of £42. 14*s*. 3*d*. received from a certain tallage assessed for the lord King's wool conceded in compensation of the aforesaid ninths, to wit 8 sacks, 4 stone and 3 lb. of wool, weighing each stone by the 14 lb. and delivered to John de Foluille, knight, and his fellows the takers (captoribus) of wools in the county of Leicester for the first year.—Total £72. 1*s*. 5*d*.

(Gild receipts £3. 14*s*. 8*d*. From Tho. Kelyng nothing, because pardoned by the community, as he died within the year.)

Total receipt with arrears £76. 19*s*. 2½*d*.

Expenses thence. He accounts in a present sent to the Abbot of Leicester, collector of the ninths granted to the lord King, to wit of sheaves, lambs and fleeces, and merchandise of the said town, to wit 4 gallons of new wine (musti) price 2*s*. 8*d*. Given to Roger of Belgrave, another collector, a gallon of new wine price 8*d*. for having his aid. (Exchequer messengers.) Given to Ric. of Foxton for the copy of the lord King's letter by assent of Will. de Cloune, the bailiff and other Jurats 1*s*. In expenses of Will. de Cloune, John the Hayward, Ric. Leverich, Will. Wareyn, Ric. of Walcote, Will. of Dunstable and others of the community when Rob. of Bottesford was killed (new wine). Given to Simon Pakeman and John the Hayward receiver, for having the Steward's counsel touching the business of the community (wine). (Messengers.) In a skin of parchment (soilpel)[2] for the old book 1*d*. Given to Rob. of Peterborough for mending the said book 2*d*. In the expenses of Will. de Stopworth going to London for the business of the community to examine (scrutand') in the Exchequer a tally for money given to the lord King from the township of Leicester, 2*s*. In carriage of gravel and sand for filling up (obstupacione) a certain pit (putei) where corn (grew) on the wall (ubi blad' super murum), 5*s*.—15*s*. 11*d*.

He accounts given to Simon Pakeman[3] Steward of the Earl of Lancaster, by the common consent of the Jurats and other honest men of the community, for having his help and counsel before Rob. of Scarborough, Roger Hillary and his fellows, Justices of the lord King at Leicester, to enquire and determine concerning many and great (grossis) articles, 20*s*. In a present sent to the said Robert and Roger, in 14 gallons of wine 7*s*. Paid to Will. Brid and John of Stafford for their expenses at parliament and for scrutinizing a tally 10*s*. Given to Robert Totel, chief clerk of the Justices, 6*s*. 8*d*. Given to Robert of Wheston clerk of Simon Pakeman, 1*s*. Given to Roger of Belgrave, collector of the ninths of the lord King, by consent of the Jurats, 20*s*. for having his aid. Sent to Robert of Scarborough, Justice, 2 capons, price 7½*d*. Given to Welshman (Walscheman), messenger of the Earl of Lancaster, and to 2 other messengers of the lord King on two occasions, 7*d*.—Total £3. 4*s*. 10½*d*.

He accounts in the expense of a dinner given to the Jurats of the town and many of the community on Tuesday next before the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3), £1. 10*s*. 8*d*. In a dinner given to Simon Pakeman[3], Steward of the Honour of Leicester, Will. de Cloune, John the Hayward and others by the consent of the Jurats, in bread, wine, fish, eels, salmon, almonds, butter (butur'), 3*s*. 4*d*.

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[1] There is no record of a parliament at that date. The ninth of sheaves etc. was granted 29 March 1340. (Midlent, 14th year.)

[2] Riley, *Memorials of London*, p. 423, "6 skins of parchment called *soylepeles* 6*d*." The initial *s* above is a short one.

[3] A Simon Pakeman was bailiff of the prior of Coventry about this time, see Harris, *Coventry*, pp. 71, 92.

Given to the clerk of the collectors of the ninths of the lord King for having an acquittance, 3*d.* Given to John of Stafford for his expenses at the parliament of the lord King at Westminster in the Quindene of Easter, staying there for 40 days[1], as was counted in the Gildhall before the Mayor and community and was allowed him by the Mayor and community, 40*s.* Given to Will. of Sutton for buying 4 sacks of wool (wine).—Total £3. 14*s.* 9*d.*

He accounts in money paid to the Abbot of Leicester, Will. Motoun, and Roger of Belgrave, collectors of the ninths granted to the lord King, namely of sheaves, of lambs, and fleeces and from merchandise, by indenture as appears by an acquittance, £20. Delivered to John de Foleville (wool as above).—£62. 4*s.* 3*d.*

Payment of debts. He accounts paid to Will. Wareyn, late Mayor of the town of Leicester. as in allowance of his tallage from the tallage assessed for the ninths of sheaves etc., in part payment of a certain debt which the community owed him, 6*s.* 8*d.* (and similarly other allowances and payments). Total £3. 10.

(Fees as usual, £3. 7*s.* 2*d.* Robert of Foston clerk, and John Hodinges senior, serjeant.) He claims allowance for expenses in the making of a pit (putei) towards the castle against the Queen's coming, by order of the lord, in all expenses 7¼*d.*

Sum of all expense £76. 18*s.* 6¾*d.*

And he claims allowance for the arrears of John Martin, Mayor before him, 4*s.* 10½*d.* And so in surplus with the arrears of John, 4*s.* 2¾*d.*

XXIX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 37. [1340–3.] (Roll of the Merchant Gild in the time of Geoffrey of Kent, Mayor 14, 15, 16 Ed. III., in the 14th to the 15th year. Gild entries):—

*Will. de Kotes junior, *Will. Edward, Joh. fil. Hugonis de Knyghton (s.p.), *Rob. de Clenfield, *Gilb. de Holm de Neuwerk, Will. fil. Roberti de Dalby sherman (s.p.), *Rad. fil. Willelmi de Stapelford, *Tho. de Stocton irnemongere, Tho. fil. Johannis de Wilughby, *Rad. de Wykyniston, Joh. fil. Hugonis de Mountsorell (s.p.). Tho. Poutrel (s.p.), *Paganus de Kent, *Joh. de Wytherdelegh, *Ric. de Babbegraue, *Rog. de la Launde, *Rob. de Tamworthe marchal, *Will. Boner mercer (Receipts £3. 14*s.* 8*d.*).

Anno XV—XVI.

*Ric. fil. Bertrami de Knyghton, *Tho. de Rolleston, *Ric. de Malmesfeld cocus, *Rob. Kyng de Sibbesdon walker, Ric. de Knyghton drapere, fil. Hugonis de Knyghton, *Joh. Negle de Petlyng, *Will. de Bamburgh, *Rog. de Knyghtekote mercer, Rob. fil. Walteri de Wylughby, *Rob. de Thurstington tannator, *Joh. de Huntingdon cotiler, *Joh. fil. Simonis de Pakyngton, *Joh. Dekne

[1] Ap. 23, 1341. The business of parliament was concluded on May 26.

de Thurmeston, *Hen. de Shelton cotiler, *Rad. de Braunston sutor. (Receipts £4. 17*s.* 4*d.*)

Anno XVI—XVII.

Joh. fil. Petri le Seller, Pet. de Billesdon, Rog. Martyn (s.p.), *Will. de Braunston carnifex, *Gilb. de Kele de Lyncoln, Ric. de Gouteby fil. et heres Willelmi de Gouteby (s.p.), Joh. de Houby fil. et heres Ricardi de Houby (s.p.), Joh. de Groby carnifex (s.p.), *Adam Saresone carnifex, Will. fil. Willelmi de Wrelton, *Will. de Dore, *Joh. de Caldwell, *Will. de Houby, *Will. Bulloc, *Tho. de Shropesbury fissher, Nic. de Aldestre, *Alan de Humberston, *Pet. de Bredon, Joh. Mayheu carnifex, Galf. Russel, Will. le Milnere (s.p.), Tho. Mayheu, Joh. Russel. (Receipts £4. 17*s.* 8*d.*)

Joh. de Couentria cocus acupatus coram Maiore et communitate ad sectam Roberti de Merkefeld eo quod implacitauit dictum Robertum in Curia Christianitatis de quibusdam querelis non existentibus de testamentis nec matrimonio, in contemptu Curie domini et contra defensionem Maioris super hoc preordinatam, ad dampnum ipsius Roberti et detrimentum gylde etc. Qui quidem Joh. venit et defendit etc., et petiit quod potuit purgare se secundum consuetudinem gylde et concessum fuit ei et defecit de purgacione. Ideo conuictus fuit et vadiavit emendas Maiori que taxantur ad xl*d.* soluendos Maiori quando sibi placuerit.

Rob. Othe North *mercer* accupatus per Maiorem ad sectam Willelmi Beler, Johannis Joye, Johannis Wade, Johannis de Foston, Roberti de Couentria, et Hugonis de Mountsorell, *mercers* et fratres gylde, quod ipse continue de die in diem stetit cum mercimonio suo

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John of Coventry, cook, charged before the Mayor and community at the suit of Robert of Markfield because he impleaded the said Robert in Court of Christianity concerning certain pleas not being causes testamentary or matrimonial[1], in contempt of the lord's Court and contrary to the Mayor's prohibition preordained concerning this, to the damage of the said Robert and the detriment of the gild etc. Which John came and denied etc. and he claimed that he might purge himself according to the custom of the gild and it was granted to him and he failed of purgation. Therefore he was convicted and he pledged amends to the Mayor which are taxed at 3*s.* 4*d.* to be paid to the Mayor when it should please him.

Robert of the North, mercer, charged by the Mayor at the suit of Will. Beler (and 5 others named above) mercers and brethren of the gild, that he

[1] On the sphere of the Courts Christian see *Hist. Eng. Law*, I. p. 104 sqq.

in *le Appellane* subtus solario Johannis de Shirford ad nocumentum fratrum suorum gylde et contra ordinacionem: qui venit: et non potuit hoc dedicere. Ideo prohibitum est ei ne amplius stet ibi pro mercandiza sua vtenda, sub pena amissionis gylde sue.

Inquisicio. (Feb. 8, 1342.) Presentatum est per inquisicionem captam coram Maiore et communitate die et anno supradictis de *Forstallers* [et] *regratars* ementibus victualia in villa Leycestrie ante horam primam contra ordinacionem ville et proclamacionem Maioris, quod Joh. Hawys de Neuwerk emit de Roberto Poke extra forum et contra defensionem etc. Maioris x salmones in detrimentum gylde. Ideo summonitus contra proximam sedem ad respondendum Maiori et communitati de transgressione.

Presentacio. (Feb. 28, 1343.) Presentatum est per inquisicionem quod Joh. Hawys de Neuwerk emit de Roberto Poke decem salmones noctanter in domo hospitis sui, et est *Forstaller* salmonum et bladi, contra ordinacionem Maioris et communitatis.

Fullones. Item ordinatum est per Maiorem et communitatem quod nullus fullonum ville Leycestrie ponat super pannos fulland' nullum instrumentum ferri, scilicet *bachandle*[1] nec *cardes* nec *skrattes* sicut antiquitus constitutum fuit et vsitatum. Et si quis fecerit et

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stood continually from day to day with his mercery in the Apple Lane under the solar of John of Sherford to the injury of his brethren of the gild and against the ordinance: who came: and he could not deny this. Therefore it was forbidden to him to stand there any longer exercising his trade, under penalty of the forfeiture of his gild.

Inquest. It was presented by the inquest taken before the Mayor and community on the day and in the year aforesaid concerning forestallers and regraters buying victuals in the town of Leicester before the hour of prime, against the ordinance of the town and the Mayor's proclamation, that John Hawys of Newark bought from Rob. Poke outside the market and against the prohibition etc. of the Mayor, ten salmon in detriment of the gild. Therefore he was summoned to the next sitting to answer the Mayor and community concerning the trespass.

Presentment. It was presented by the inquest that John Hawys of Newark bought from Rob. Poke ten salmon at night in the house of his host and is a forestaller of salmon and corn, against the ordinance of the Mayor and community.

Fullers. Also it was ordered by the Mayor and community that none of the fullers of the town of Leicester may use any iron instrument on cloth that is to be fulled, to wit any beetles (?) or teasels or combs, as was of old appointed[2]

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[1] MS. has *bac* not *bat*.

[2] See I. p. 89.

super hoc conuictus fuerit ad querelam illius cuius pannus fuerit grauiter per Maiorem et Juratos punietur. Et super hoc constituti sunt custodes videlicet Mic. le Walker et Joh. de Whenlesbergh ad presentandum eorum defectus cum inuenerint.

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and used. And if any should do so and should be convicted thereof, at the plea of him whose cloth it is, he shall be severely punished by the Mayor and Jurats. And wardens were appointed hereupon, viz. Mich. the Walker and John of Wellsborough, to present their shortcomings when they find any.

XXX. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 4, No. 98 (1). [Dec. 5, 1340.] Tallage assessed on Tuesday next before the feast of St Nicholas 14 Ed. III. for the ninths of sheaves, lambs, fleeces granted to the lord King[1]. (In all 400 names, of these 86 in the Swinesmarket.) Total payment £30. 1*s.* 5*d.*

Box 4, No. 98 (2). [July 10, 1341.] Tallage assessed on Tuesday next after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr 15 Ed. III., Geoffrey of Kent then being Mayor, for wools granted to the lord King, for the ninths of sheaves, lambs and fleeces of the second year preceding[1], i.e. for 8 sacks 4 stone and 2½*d.* lb. of wool. (508 names; of these 60 names newly added (de novo apposita). One tax payer is Lynkyn Brabant. The two rolls (1) and (2) follow the same sequence, but there are considerable variations in the amount of the assessment.) The total paid is £42. 14*s.* 3*d.*

XXXI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 148[2]. [1341–2.] (Account of Geoffrey of Kent Sep. 29, 15 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 16 Ed. III.)

Receipts. (Rents of shops 4*s.*, gild-fees £4. 17*s.* 4*d.*) £11. 0*s.* 2*d.* received from the Marshalsea (marescauc') tallage[3] of the lord King assessed after Candlemas.

Of tallages, £26. 14*s.* 4*d.* for wool to the King, i.e. 4 sacks, 2 (stone) and a quarter of a lb. of wool, each stone weighing 14 lb.

And of £2 received from the Friars of St Augustine of Leicester for stones sold to them from the lane behind...And of 5*s.* received from Peter le Seller for tile-stone (Tylston) sold to him that year from the same lane.—Total receipt £45. 1*s.* 10*d.*

Payment of money and expenses. He accounts paid to...collectors of wool... £24. 4*s.* 6*d.*

Gifts. He accounts in small gifts at the coming of the Earl of Lancaster, coming to Leicester to stay (ad perhendinand')...in the 15th year. First, given to four messengers from the Exchequer coming with writs and letters on two occasions (and others)...to two carriers (charriour')...other messengers...for four mats (mattys)

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[1] The ninth had been granted for two years Mar. 29, 1340.

[2] Badly injured.

[3] I.e. tallage for the office of the Marshal.

for benches for the Gildhall 10½*d*....Messengers of the Earl of Derby[1]...To the carriers (charioribus) of the lady Queen at her coming to Leicester by view of Will. de Cloune and John the Hayward, 8*d*.—Total 5*s*. 4½*d*.

Marshal's fine. He accounts in the expenses of the King's Marshal coming to Leicester with servants (famulis) on Monday next after Candlemas, the 16th year beginning, and staying at the expense of the community for a day and night. In the fine made with the lord King £2. 13*s*. 4*d*. In the fine made with John of Ampleforth, Marshal, £1. 10*s*. In the fine made with Matthew of Cambridge, clerk, 20*s*. Given to a certain charioteer (cariatori) of the lord King 3*s*. 4*d*. To his groom 6*d*. To a cockin 1*d*.—£5. 7*s*. 3*d*.

Gifts. In rewards given to the Marshal's household, to wit the chamberlains, esquires and other his officers. He counts given to the esquire of the said Marshal 2*s*., for the measurer's fee 2*s*., to the chamberlain of the Marshal 1*s*. 6*d*., to two sumpter-men (someters) 2*s*., to his palfrey-keeper 1*s*., to 4 grooms 2*s*., to wit 6*d*. each. To two fore-runners (predecessoribus) 1*s*. To a groom 4*d*. To Roger of Evington of Knighton for the crier's fee 2*s*.—Total 13*s*. 10*d*.

Marshal's expenses. In their expenses dining at the expense of the community, with the expenses of 7 horses, bread 1*s*., 6 gallons of wine with 4 flasks[2] (flakettes) filled and taken away (implet' et abduct') 3*s*. In beer with the expenses of the forerunners the night before 1*s*. 6*d*. In large meat 1*s*. 1*d*., in 9 baked hens 1*s*. 10½*d*., 10 pies 10*d*., 2 geese made in hotchpotch[3] (hogge pott') 7*d*. In 2 capons 5*d*. In sugar and powder of galentine 9*d*. Given to Will. Peure the cook and his groom 4*d*. for their work. In sauce (sause) i.e. vinegar (vinum acittum) and ginger 3*d*. In horse-bread, hay, 1 strike (estrik') of oats, shoeing of horses, litter, 2 bridles...Total 16*s*. 3½*d*.

Stone-breaking. He counts in the breaking of stone in the lane behind the Friars Preachers which is called towards the Waterlock (le Waterlok) as in wages of workmen, and carriage of the said stones for 10 weeks as appears by parcels £1. 16*s*. 7*d*. In the wages of a man breaking stones opposite the gate of Ric. of Goadby for making the pavement there for one week 11*d*. In the wages of a man working there for one day 1*d*. In making and mending 2 pickaxes (pikeys') 4*d*.—Total £1. 17*s*. 11*d*.

Mending of ways. In wages of 2 pavers (pavatorum) paving in the Cattle Market (in foro boum) at the gate of Richard of Goadby 11 rods by task 11*s*. In hiring of a cart of Ric. of Foston for the carriage of stone and sand for 3 days 1*s*. 11*d*. (and another). In one man hired to help the pavers for 6 days 6*d*. In beer given to them for the same time 3*d*.—Total 15*s*. 10*d*.

In carriage of sand for the pavement of the lane towards the Gildhall with Richard of Foston's cart for 1 day, 8*d*. (and another). In 8 rods of pavement paved by task in the said lane 8*d*.—Total 9*s*. 4*d*.

(Fee of Sim. Pakeman, Steward of the Earl of Leicester, of Rob. of Foston clerk, of John Hodinges serjeant, and other fees as usual.)—Total £4. 0*s*. 6*d*.

Sum total of expenses paid £38. 10*s*. 10*d*.

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[1] Henry Earl of Lancaster's eldest son Henry was made Earl of Derby during the lifetime of his father, 1337.

[2] Qu. here baskets for wine bottles? See N.E.D. s.v. flasket and 1. p. 301.

[3] See N.E.D. s.v. hodge-podge, hogpoch, hotchpot. This example of the use of the word as a culinary term is earlier than any there quoted.

XXXII. *Articles of a Royal Commission.*

Box 15, No. 205. [? 1341 or 1339.] Articuli in commissione domini Regis contenti.

Ita quod alicui cuiuscunque condicionis fuerit siue status in premissis quomodolibet non parcatur, maxime cum defensio, salvacio et tuicio huiusmodi sit communis, et pro evitandis opressionibus, grauaminibus et dampnis, que populo nostro in talibus prouisionibus et capcionibus lanarum et aliorum subsidiorum ad opus nostrum facte fuerint preteritis temporibus et illate, per eosdem prelatos, magnates et communitatem, ac[1] quietem dicti populi nostri, ordinatum existat quod provisio earundem lanarum que adhuc sunt prouidende fiat in forma subscripta: scilicet quod singuli Ciuitates, Burgi et alie ville ac persone quecumque iuxta ratam porcionis quintedecime soluant pro singulis xx*s*. de eadem quintadecima ipsos inde contingente decem petras siue clauos, quamlibet videlicet petram seu clauum de quatuordecim libris, et de pluribus plus et de minore minus, iuxta ratam antedictam et quod Indenturas, lanas sic captas et earum precium et personas siue villas a quibus capte fuerint continentes, fiant modo debito, vt est dictum, quod quelibet villate vel alie persone que lanas de suo proprio nequaquam habent, lanas iuxta sortes patrie et

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Articles contained in the commission of the lord King.

In order that no one, of whatever condition or state he may be, may be spared in any way in the aforesaid (matters) especially as such defence, safety and protection is common, and for avoiding oppressions, injuries and damages which may have been done to and inflicted on our people in such provisions and captions of wool and other subsidies for our use in past times, by the said prelates, magnates and commonalty for the quiet of our said people, be it ordained that the provision of the said wools which are still to be provided, shall be made in the form underwritten: viz. that all the cities, boroughs and other towns and persons whatsoever shall pay according to the rate of the portion of the fifteenth for every twenty shillings of that fifteenth herein belonging to them, 10 stone or cloves[2], that is to say each stone or clove of 14 pounds, and for more, more, and for less, less, according to the aforesaid rate and that indentures, containing the wools so taken and their price and the persons or towns from which they were taken, shall be made in due manner as is aforesaid, so that all the townships or other persons, who have no wool of their own, shall buy wool, or cause it to be provided, according to the varieties of the district, and according to the portion of the

[1] Corr. *ad*.

[2] The clove is normally half a stone.

porcionem ipsos de predicta quintadecima contingentem, videlicet pro singulis xx*s*. decem petras siue clauos et tam maius quam minus secundum dictam ratam emant et faciant prouideri: Ita quod lane a quibuscunque personis pretextu commissionis nostre antedicte de medietate lanarum antiquarum ad opus nostrum capienda sic capte de eisdem, iuxta quantitatem ab ipsis captam et ratam porcionis antedictam de quibus nobis est responsum et que eciam in manibus captorum predictorum prompte sunt nobis seu aliis nostro nomine liberande in presenti capcione et prouisione debite allocentur. Intencionis tamen nostre existit quod collecta tota summa lane sic deficiente illis a quibus huiusmodi lane vltra medietatem lanarum suarum pretextu priorum commissionum nostrarum predictarum ad opus nostrum captarum capte fuerint, restitucio fiat de superplusagio si quod fuerit de lanis antedictis: Ita quod littere obligatorie inde facte sicut decet restituantur[1].

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aforesaid fifteenth belonging to them, that is to say for every twenty shillings 10 stone or cloves and more or less according to the said rate: in such a way that wool thus taken from whatever persons under pretext of our aforesaid commission for taking a moiety of old wools for our use, shall be duly allowed for according to the quantity taken from them and according to the rate aforesaid of the portion for which answer has been made to us, and which also are ready in the hands of the aforesaid captors to be delivered to us, or to others in our name, in the present caption and provision. Nevertheless it is our intention that having collected the whole sum of wool thus lacking from those from whom such wool, beyond the moiety of their wool, was taken for our use under pretext of our previous commissions aforesaid, restitution shall be made from the surplus of the aforesaid wool, if any there be, in such a way that letters obligatory made thereof be restored as is proper.

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[1] I have sought for these articles in the *Rolls of Parliament*, Rymer's *Fœdera* and elsewhere, but have not succeeded in tracing them. I am inclined to date the document 1341 on the strength of the account given in the *Rolls of Parliament*, II. 131 of the collection, in consequence of a grant of the parliament of March 29, 1340, of "old and new wools." In payment of the 30000 sacks of wool "by apportion thereof made according to the sort of wools and the rate of the triennial fifteenth," each county was assessed at a certain number of sacks. The reference to the moiety of wools which occurs in the above document appears to be to the moiety granted in 1338. It might with equal fitness be dated 1339, see the *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1338–40, pp. 244–5 etc. which records the sums paid by various places by reason of the ordinance of the great council of Northampton 1338, which ordained that the portion of the 20000 sacks of wool then remaining to be levied should be levied after the rate of the fifteenth, to wit from every 20*s*. of the fifteenth, 10 cloves or stones of wool, the stone weighing 14 lb. The king afterwards ordained that those who had not the wool might pay the value in money.

XXXIII. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 4, No. 98 (4). [June 19, 1342.] Tallage assessed on Wednesday next after the feast of St Botulph the abbot 16 Ed. III. for wool granted to the lord King, that is to say 30000 sacks of wool[1], whereof the town of Leicester gave for the second year 4 sacks, 2 stone and a half pound of wool.

(South quarter 178 names, North, 146, outside the East gate 102, Swines'-market 76, Saturday Market 47, 10 taxors. One excused because he was poor, one because he was of the Bishop's Fee. Total, with the taxors' contribution £26. 14*s.* 4*d.*)

(5). [1342–3.] Roll of the tallage of the lord King's Marshal assessed in the time of Geoffrey of Kent, Mayor, 16 Ed. III. 448 names, of these 103 outside the East Gate. Total £11. 0*s.* 2*d.*, of which £2. 9*s.* 10*d.* was paid from those outside the East Gate. A list of six contributors has been added; these include Hugh of the New Hospital[2], and the Master of St Leonard's[3].

XXXIV. *Lease of the site of the East Gate.*

Box 13, No. 100. [May 23, 1343.] Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc presens scriptum visuris uel audituris Galf. de Kent Maior ville Leicestrie, Will. de Cloune, ballivus eiusdem ville, Joh. Martyn, Will. Wareyn, Joh. Leverich, Ric. Leverich, Joh. de le Waynhous, Rog. de Claybrok, Will. de Dunstaple, Hen. de Barkeby, Rob. le Porter, Tho. Martyn, Will. de Knyghton, Ric. de Walkote, Joh. Brid, Ric. Norman, Ric. de Anlep, Walt. le Barker, Will. Geryn, Will. Aurifaber, Joh. le Hayword, et omnes alii Juratores[4] eiusdem ville, Will. le Dexter, Will. le Fissher, Rog. de le Waynhous, Rob. de le Waynhous, Will. de Wakefeld, Ric. de Stafford cocus, Nic. de Berkeswelle skynner, Simon le barbour, Joh. de Cloune, Joh. Kelyng, Ric. de Gouteby, Will. de Gouteby, Joh. filius magistri Johannis le Cu, Will. de Assheby cotiler, Rad. Blake, Hen. Blake, Will. de Wrelton, Joh. de Parys, Will. de Sutton, Joh. de Euyngton, Will. Caritas, Reg. de Wykyniston, Nic. de Assheby, Will. le Turnour, Ric. de Neuton, Tho. Wynger iunior, Tho. Rodecok, Will. de Beby drapere, Ric. Martyn, Will. de Humberston, Rob. le Mercer, Ric. de Whenlesberghe, Pet. de Mountesorell, Hugo de Mountsorell, Rob. de Couentria mercer, Will. Aldyth, Joh. de Houby, Will. de Crendon seller, Joh. Grom

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To all Christ's faithful people who shall see or hear this present writing, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor of the town of Leicester, Will. de Cloune bailiff of the said town (19 named above) and all other Jurors of the said town (65 named

[1] The amount conditionally offered Jan. 1340; instead of which a ninth sheep, fleece and lamb were granted for two years by prelates, barons and knights of the shire, a ninth of goods from the towns and a fifteenth from those who had no wool not included in the before-mentioned classes.

[2] The hospital in the Newark. [3] St Leonard's Hospital. [4] MS. Jurator'.

seller, Will. le Seller, Joh. filius Petri le Seller, Nic. Blanchard, Will. Leverich, Reg. Pestel, Nic. Hendeman, Will. Hendeman, Joh. de Claybrok, Pet. de Couentria, Joh. de Knyghtekote mercer, Rog. de Knyghtecote mercer, Rob. Burgeys, Ad. de Oke, Ric. de Foston, Joh. de Diggeby, Phil. de Drayton cotiler, Will. de Keldale cotiler, Laur. Fykeys, Pogerus[1] le Walker, Joh. le Peyntour, Joh. de Foston mercer, Hen. le Dexter, Joh. de Tokeby, Hen. Aldyth, Rog. de Braunston, Hen. de Foston, Rob. de Foston clericus, et tota communitas predicte ville salutem in domino. Noueritis nos vnanimi[2] assensu et consensu, licencia et voluntate domini Comitis Lancastrie concessisse et dimississe Petro de Crendon de Leycestria seller vnam placeam terre in Fossato ville Leycestrie extra Portam Orientalem et situm Porte Orientalis ad congrue edificandum sub et supra: Habendam et tenendam dicto Petro de Crendon et heredibus suis ad terminum centum annorum libere, quiete, bene et in pace, de nobis et successoribus nostris: Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris xii*d.* argenti ad terminos in Leycestria vsitatos per equales porciones. Et dictus Petrus de Crendon et heredes sui predictas placeam terre et Portam in omnibus necessariis sumptibus suis propriis sub et supra sustentabunt, reparabunt et emendabunt. Et si contingat predictum redditum ad aliquem terminum in parte vel in toto aretro existere, extunc bene liceat nobis et successoribus nostris predictas placeam et situm Porte in quorumcumque manus imposterum deuenerint intrare et in illis distringere et districtiones retinere

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above), Rob. of Foston clerk and all the community of the said town, greeting in the Lord. Know that we, by unanimous assent and consent, by the licence and will of the lord Earl of Lancaster, have granted and demised, to Peter of Grendon of Leicester saddler, a plot of land in the ditch of the town of Leicester outside the East Gate and the site of the East Gate to build suitably there below and above. To have and to hold to the said Peter of Grendon and his heirs for the term of one hundred years, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, of us and our successors, rendering thence yearly to us and our successors twelve pence of silver at the terms customary in Leicester[3], by equal portions. And the said Peter of Grendon and his heirs shall maintain repair and amend the said plot of land and Gate in all things necessary at their own charges, below and above. And if it chance that the said rent be in arrears at any term in part or in whole, thenceforth it shall be fully lawful for us and our successors to enter the aforesaid plot and site of the Gate, into whosesoever hands they may hereafter fall, and to distrain in them and to keep

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[1] Poger = Poher, Poh(c)er, a native of the district about Poix. See Stevenson's *Gloucester Corporat. Calendar*, p. 93, n. 4. W. H. S.

[2] MS. has an extra stroke.

[3] See I. p. 383 note 3.

quousque predictus redditus plenarie persoluatur. Et post predictos centum annos plenarie completos, predicta placea terre et situs Porte nobis et successoribus nostris integre reuertatur cum omnibus edificiis et aysiamentis suis, sine vasto uel destruccione inde facta. Et si contingat quod predictus Petrus vel heredes sui faciant[1] vastum vel destruccionem in predictis placea et situ Porte quocumque tempore infra terminum predictum, extunc bene liceat predictis Maiori et successoribus suis in predictam † placea † terre cum edificiis et pertinenciis suis intrare et retinere sine impedimento uel contradiccione dicti Petri vel heredum suorum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto indentato sigillum nostrum commune est appensum. Datum apud Leicestria die veneris proxima post festum sancti Dunstani anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum decimo septimo.

[Seal: a cusped quatrefoil. In the quarry at base an angel; at top an eagle; dexter, a winged lion?, sinister, an ox? Qu. the evangelistic symbols. In the centre of the quatrefoil a cross within a square. *Legend:* Iohs de Rutl? *Size:* 29 mm. *Form:* circular. Red wax.]

Box 13, No. 101. The counterpart of the indenture. [Seal: a cinquefoil. *Legend:* Sigillum Communitatis Leyrcestrie[2]. *Size:* $2\frac{3}{4}$ in. *Form:* circular. Red wax.]

[*Counterseal:* on a fesse, between three crescents issuant from each an estoile, as many crescents. The shield within an octagonal panel ornamented along the inner edge with crosses. A cross (fleur-de-lis?) in each corner of the vacant ground. *Legend:* Sigillum Willi de Fulutun? *Size:* 21 mm. *Form:* circular.]

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the distraints until the aforesaid rent is fully paid. And after the aforesaid hundred years are fully ended, the aforesaid plot of land and site of the Gate shall revert to us and our successors wholly, with all their buildings and easements, without waste or destruction done therein. And if it chance that the aforesaid Peter or his heirs make waste or destruction in the aforesaid plot and site of the Gate at any time within the aforesaid term, thenceforth it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Mayor and his successors to enter and retain the aforesaid plot of land with its buildings and appurtenances without impediment or contradiction of the said Peter or his heirs. In witness whereof, we have appended our common seal to this present indented writing. Dated at Leicester on Friday next after the feast of St Dunstan[3], in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

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[1] MS. faciunt.

[2] The early 13th century form of the word. See I. p. 7. For the making of the seal see I. p. xliii.

[3] Presumably the feast of May 19.

XXXV. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 98 (3). [1343.] Tallage assessed in the autumn (17 Ed. III.) in the time of Geoffrey of Kent, Mayor, on the expenses of Will. of Malmesbury and his fellows, Justices of the lord King, concerning the Marshal, and with a certain fine made with the lord King in their presence for measures not sealed. (About 216 persons paying in all £9.)

XXXVI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 39. [1343–4]. Roll in the time of Ric. Leverich (Sep. 29, 17 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 18 Ed. III. Gild entries,) *Will. de Ilueston cocus, *Joh. le Barker Irreys[1], *Rob. de Presthorpe, Rad. le Blake, Tho. fil. Johannis le Ridere (s.p.), Joh. Hayward (s.p.), Joh. fil. Henrici de Petlyng (s.p.), Rad. Ace (s.p.), *Ric. de Galby, *Rad. Derlyng, *Rob. de Whitewell cotiler, *Rad. de Belegrave molendinarius, *Joh. de Asfordeby, *Will. de Sylby tannator, *Phil. le Dexter, *Will. de Houghton, *Will. Ernold de Cuntasthorp dexter, *Will. de Norton, *Joh. le Spicer, *Will. de Dalby, *Joh. de Louseby, *Will. le Sadeler de Mountsorell, *Galf. le Dextere de Wylmundekote, *Hugo le Trumpeour, *Rad. de Swepston tannator, *Rob. le White, *Will. Gylot de Ernesby, *Joh. de Peightilton cotiler, *Rob. de Bedenhale, *Walt. Kyniot, *Rob. fil. Henrici de Thorp Secchevill tannator, *Rob. de Mardefeld iunior, *Ric. de Groby iunior, *Joh. de Humberston mercer, *Rob. de Gloueston tannator, *Joh. de Rokyngham tannator, Joh. de Knaptoft dexter. (Total of entrance-fees) £8. 2*s.* 0*d.*

[Nov. 28, 1343.] *Coronatores.* Ric. Leverich et Wareyn amoti sunt per communem assensum ab officio coronatoris et loco eorum ponuntur per eleccionem Will. Aurifaber et Will. de Dunstaple et iurati.

Accupamentum. Will. de Stopworthe tabernarius acupatus fuit per Maiorem quod miscuit vinum antiquum cum novo vino contra

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Coroners. Ric. Leverich and [Will.] Wareyn were removed by common consent from the office of coroner and in their place Will. Goldsmith and Will. of Dunstable are put by election and sworn[2].

Charge. Will. of Stopworth taverner was charged by the Mayor that he mixed old wine with new wine against the prohibition of the Mayor and

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[1] Irishman.

[2] This is the earliest statement on the manner in which the Leicester coroners were chosen.

defensionem Maioris et communitatis et in preiudicium eorundem, ad dampnum etc. Qui venit et defendit etc. et petiit quod potuit purgare se secundum consuetudinem gylde ad quod admissus fuit per assensum Maioris et Juratorum et purgauit se modo debito et recessit quietus.

Ric. Leuerich Maior, Gilb. le Auiner balliuus, Joh. Martyn, Will. Wareyn, Joh. Leuerich, Will. de Dunstaple, electi sunt per communitatem auditores compoti Galfridi de Kent dudum Maioris ville Leycestrie et datus est dies eidem Galfrido ad compotum reddendum post clausum Pasche, die veneris proxima †sequens†.

Condonacio. Hugo le Trumpour intrauit gildam mercatorum et vadiavit xl*s.* et vnum taurum et invenit plegios...et postea fecit finem pro vno floreno auri pro t*auro* etc. et soluit statim et postea condonatur ei totum per assensum Maioris et Juratorum ad instanciam Comitis Derbye. (Also a fine pardoned in return for work done at the common latrine on the Soar.)

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community and to their prejudice to the damage etc. Who came and denied etc. and claimed that he might purge himself according to the custom of the gild, to which he was admitted by the assent of the Mayor and Jurats and he purged himself in the proper way and withdrew quit.

Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Gilbert the Provendermonger bailiff (and 4 named), were chosen by the community as auditors of the account of Geoff. of Kent late Mayor of the town of Leicester, and a day was given to the said Geoffrey to render account after the Close of Easter[1], on Friday next following.

Condonation. Hugh the Trumpeter entered the gild of merchants and pledged 40*s.* and a bull and found pledges...and afterwards made fine for a florin of gold for the bull etc. and paid immediately, and afterwards the whole is pardoned to him by assent of the Mayor and Jurats at the instance of the Earl of Derby.

XXXVII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6. No. 142[2] (2). [1343–4.] Account of (Ric.) Leverich late Mayor (from Sep. 29, 17 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 18 Ed. III.

Arrears from Geoff. de Kent £2, gild-rents 5*s.*, gild-fines £8. 2*s.* 0*d.*; from a certain tallage for a present sent to the Earl of Derby[3] by the consent of the community, £22. 3*s.* 0*d.*[4]

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[1] First Sunday after Easter.

[2] In bad condition. Box 6, Roll. 151 is another copy in good condition, containing some slight additions.

[3] Roll 151 adds on his return from the Holy Land. See p. 60, note 5.

[4] £22. 2*s.* 10*d.* in Roll 151.

Foreign Receipt. He answers for 20*s.* received from the Friars Preachers for building a latrine[1] that year. And for £2. 5*s.* 0*d.* received for stones sold[2] near the Soar. And for 5*s.* received for shavings (spenings[3]) of timber from the said latrine. And for 7*s.* received for timber sold from the remains (?) (r'm̄) of the said latrine. And for 4*s.* received from divers persons aiding in[4] the repair of the said latrine. Total £4. 1*s.* 0*d.*

He accounts in pence given to the Earl of Derby by assent of the whole community by name of gift on his arrival, coming from the Holy Land[5] to Leicester immediately after Michaelmas £20.

He counts in a dinner given to Simon Pakeman, Steward of the Honour of Leicester, and Jurats and other honest men of the town when he[6] was admitted into the Court of the Earl of Lancaster to keep (conservand') the office of the mayoralty, as appears by parcels delivered on his account, £1. 15*s.* 2*d.*

In a present sent to the auditors of account (bread and wine). In the expenses of the Jurats and other honest men borrowing silver for the gift to the Earl of Derby on two occasions, 2*s.* 6*d.*

In expenses incurred on (factis super) the collectors of tallage, 2 gallons of new wine price 1*s.* 4*d.*, 1 goose price 3*d.* Given to Tho. Bolefot, King's messenger at the Circumcision 1*s.* Given to Merlyn his fellow coming then from Scotland with news 1*s.* Sent to Master Henry de le Dale, and Nic. of Coleshill (wine), to Rob. of Hungerford and Ric. Passemere (wine), to Roger the Earl's messenger 1*s.*; in expenses of Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Will. Wareyn, Will. of Knighton, Ric. Norman, Will. of Dore, Rob. of Foston going to Higham for expediting the business of the community concerning the common pasture, with the hire of their horses, and grooms, and with the expenses incurred at the tavern for (super) the bailiff and other Jurats arranging (disponent') about the aforesaid business, 11*s.*—£2. 16. 10*d.*[7]

He accounts in a present sent to the Earl of Lancaster by the consent of the community in one tun of wine £4. 13*s.* 4*d.*

[v°.] He accounts in the expenses of the Earl of Derby hunting (fugand') in the Frith after the Assumption of the Blessed Mary by the consent of the community (bread, wine), to Ralph of Duffield, messenger of the Earl of Derby 2*s.*; to John Blount, wine (badly torn).

Fees and gifts. To John Blount by the assent of the community for prosecuting the business of the community concerning the common pasture[8] £2; given to Simon Pakeman the Earl's Steward for his fee 13*s.* 4*d.*, to Geoff. of Kent for his expenses in going to London on the business of the community concerning hobelers, £1.

In the expenses of the Mayor and Jurats arranging concerning parliament, and of many Jurats arranging concerning parliament for shortness of time (wine).

To the messenger of the sheriff for carrying a certain letter directed by the Mayor and community to Ric. of Beeby and Will. Brid, to answer for the town of Leicester[9] 6*d.*—1*s.* 6*d.*

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[1] Roll 151 calls it a gift for building the common latrine.

[2] Roll 151 has fodiatis (dug out) and sold for the business of the community.

[3] A verbal noun from the verb spōnian > spēnan to chip or splinter.

[4] Supplied from Roll 151.

[5] He spent that summer in Spain and fought against the Moors. It is probably to this that the writer refers.

[6] The Mayor (Roll 151).

[7] £3. 4*s.* 10*d.* in No 151.

[8] Roll 151 calls it the common pasture of the Cowhay (Couheye).

[9] At parliament, Roll 151.

He counts in a certain house newly built near the Soar for the common easement of all the community and by their assent and consent in all costs (sumptibus) and expenses, as appears by the schedule of the parcel delivered on the account £7. 4*s*. 7½*d*.

Allowance of fees. He claims to be allowed for the fee of Robert of Foston clerk, 6*s*. 8*d*., for his labour that year. For the fee of John Hodinges senior, serjeant of the community, 6*s*. 8*d*., for his labour that year. (Salmon fee, clerk's table, parchment.) Total £3. 7*s*. 2*d*.

Sum total of receipt £36. 10*s*. 10*d*.[1] Of expenses, charges and payments £43. 13*s*. 1½*d*.[2] and £7. 11*s*. 1½*d*. which he claimed to have allowed to him. (Some other small allowances are claimed, amounting to 8*s*. 10*d*.)

XXXVIII. *Grant of a site for a privy.*

Box 17. No. 103. [Mar. 28, 1344.] Conue chose soit a toutes gentz qe nous Henri Counte de Lancastre & de Leycestre, Seneschal dengleterre auoms done & graunte au Maire & burgeys & a la communalte de la ville de Leycestre vne place gauste en la ville sur lewe de Soore ioignaunte au mees qe Willie̅ Sharp tient sur mesme lewe, qe contient en longure seysaunte pees et en costeant lewe trente pees affaire illoesque vne Longayne en eyse de toute la dite commune: A auoir & tenir au dit Maire & communalte a touz iours en recompensacion dune autre place gauste, qe nous auoms donez a les freres prechers de Leycestre pour...(torn)...lour place, ou la dite communalte soleyent auoir lour eysementz. En tesmoigne de quieu chose a cest escrit nous auoms mis [nostre] seal par yces tesmoignes: Monsieur Robert de Hungerford, Mons. Esman Trussel, John †de† Blount, John de Waltham, Willie̅ de Hastinges, et autres. Don' a

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Be it known to all people that we Henry Earl of Lancaster and of Leicester, Steward of England, have given and granted to the Mayor and burgesses and to the commonalty of the town of Leicester a waste place in the town on the water of the Soar adjoining the messuage that William Sharp holds on the said water, which contains in length 60 feet and in bordering the water 30 feet, to make there a privy for the ease of all the said community: to have and to hold to the said Mayor and commonalty for ever in recompense for another waste place which we have given to the Friars Preachers of Leicester for...their place, where the said commonalty used to have their easements. In witness whereof we have put our seal to this writing by these witnesses: Sir Robert of Hungerford, Sir Edmund Trussel, John le Blount, John of Waltham, Will. of Hastings and others. Given at

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[1] For either £36. 10*s*. 1*d*. or £36. 9*s*. 11*d*. according as the figures of No. 142 or 151 are added.

[2] In Roll 151 it is £44. 1*s*. 11½*d*.

notre Chastel de Leycestre le dymench de la pasque florie, lan du regne le Roy Edward tierz puis le conquest dishuytisme.

[Seal: 3 lions passant guardant on a shield. Between the shield and legend on the dexter side, a wyvern. *Legend:* Sigi...itis La... within a beaded line. *Size:* 32·5 mm. *Form:* round. Red wax.]

Endorsement: a gronde at ye West Brygge for change of a gronde of ye Freres Prechers.

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our castle of Leicester on Palm Sunday, in the 18th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

XXXIX. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5. No. 126. [1344–5.] Receipts of John Martyn, Mayor (29 Sep., 18 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 19 Ed. III.) by the hands of Will. of Wakefield, chamberlain chosen by assent of the community.

He answers for £5. 11*s.* 2*d.* received by the hands of Will. of Wakefield, chamberlain, at various times.

And for 1*s.* by the hands of Peter le Seler[1] for rent of the East Gate (and 4*s.* from the 4 shops under the solar), and for 3*s.* received of Robert of Peterborough clerk. And for 13*s.* received of Will. of Wakefield at various times.—Total £6. 12*s.* 2*d.*

Expenses and payments. Of which he accounts in a present sent to Sir Rob. of Hungerford, bread, wine, beer, eels (and fees to messengers).—Total 5*s.* 9*d.* Dinner to Walter of Bintrey (Byntre) serjeant of the Earl of Derby, coming to Leicester for the lord's business for the repair of ways in Humberstonegate and Belgravegate, in the presence of Gilb. the Avener, Will. Wareyn, Ric. Leverych, John the Receiver, Hen. of Barkby, Will. of Dunstaple, Will. Geryn, Rog. of Claybrooke, Will. of Wakefield, and Ric. the Cook, and others in the fellowship of the said Walter, 8*s.* 2*d.* In a pair of hose given to the said Walter 2*s.*—Total 10*s.* 2*d.*

Repair of ways. He accounts in the wage of workmen working on the ways of Humberstonegate and Belgravegate by order of the lord Earl of Derby for 7 days. —Total 19*s.* 10*d.* He accounts in straw bought at various times for spreading (dispergend') on the aforesaid plot 3*s.* And in porterage of the same 3*d.*—Total 3*s.* 3*d.*

Carriage. He accounts paid to Geoff. of Sallow for his cart for 4 days 2*s.* (and to 4 other lenders of carts similarly); beer for the same 1*s.* 4*d.*—Total 12*s.* 4*d.*

He accounts paid to Gilbert the Avener for his cart carrying there all the time 5*s.* (To John the Receiver the like.) Given to the carter from the Abbey coming on loan[2], in beer 1*s.* Given to a carter from the country (de patria) lent (†mtuat'†) by W. of Dore, in beer 1*s.* Given to divers men coming freely (gratis) and working for 2 days 1*s.* 2*d.* Given to Nic. Blanchard for 1 pickaxe (pykoyse) lost, 6*d.*—Total 13*s.* 8*d.*

(Clerk's fee etc. as usual, the serjeant is John de Hodynges.)—Total £3. 6*s.* 11*d.*

Paid to Will. of Mowbray clerk of the coroners by order of Ric. Leverich 1*s.*

[Endorsed in an old hand "Humberstongate. Great Cawsey there erected."]

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[1] See XXXIV. above. Peter of Grendon, saddler.

[2] MS. ex mutuo, a stroke is wanting to the m.

XL. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 2. No. 40. [Feb. 21, 1345.] On an indenture folded in with the roll :—Memorandum quod die lune proxima ante festum S. Petri in cathedra a. r. r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum xix. coram Johanne Martyn tunc Maiore Leycestrie, Gilb. le Avener tunc ballivo, Rob. de Stretton, Will. Waryn, Galf. de Kent, Hen. de Barkeby, Ric. de Waldecote, Rob. Porter, Will. de Knyghton, Ric. Leverych, Will. de Dunstable, Will. Aurifabro, Rog. de Claybrok, & Johanne Brid, Juratis, et Willelmo de Dore clerico, Joh. Norman filius Johannis Norman de Leycestria fatebatur in plena Curia del *Portman Mooth* quod per septem annos antequam desponsauit Matildam vxorem suam fecit eidem Matilde quandam cartam de vno tenemento in alta strata Leycestrie sed per eandem cartam nullam habuit sesinam in dicto tenemento pro eo quod Will. le Dexter de Leycestria qui statum habuit in dicto tenemento ad terminum vite noluit eidem Matilde attornare nec statum suum sursum reddere, quod quidem tenementum postmodum vendidit Johanni le Peyntour et liberauit sibi et heredibus suis plenam et pacificam sesinam etc.

Note that on Monday next before the feast of St Peter in the Chair, 19 Ed. III., before John Martyn then Mayor of Leicester, Gilb. the Avener then bailiff (and 12 named above), Jurats, and Will. of Dore clerk, John Norman son of John Norman of Leicester confessed in full court of the Portmanmoot that seven years before he married Matilda his wife he made the said Matilda a charter of a tenement in the High Street of Leicester, but by that charter she had no seisin in the said tenement because Will. the Dyer of Leicester, who had estate in the said tenement for the term of life, would not attorn to the said Matilda[1] nor surrender his estate, which tenement he afterwards sold to John the Painter and delivered full and peaceful seisin to him and his heirs etc.

Roll of the Gild in the time of John Martyn then Mayor of Leicester, 18–19 Ed. III., Gild-entries:

Will. le White de Busseby, Joh. fil. Andree Sixeantwenty (s.p.), *Joh. de Pikeryng, *Tho. de Ernesby, *Ric. de Stafford wryghte, Nic. de Anlep elymakere[2], Tho. Curlevache elyman[2] (s.p.), *Will. le Baylyf de S. Botulpho[3], *Will. Pake de Thorp tannator, *Will. fil. Roberti de Seint Sauours, *Rob. le Tayllour, *Adam le Netdryuere, *Alex. le Shethere, *Tho. de Northwyche hamberghmakere[4], *Will. de Assheby Magna barkere, *Joh. de Peightelton barkere, *Will. le Glasenwryghte,

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[1] Cf. *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 93, 131, on attornment.
[2] Oil maker. [3] Boston, Lincs. [4] Horse-collar-maker.

*Will. le Plomer, Joh. de Belton tayllour, *Lymekynus[1] le Webestere, Will. fil. Petri le Palmere, *Will. del Hull[2] de Belgrave wryghte, *Hugo Bulche chaundler, *Rob. le Gardener del Abbeygate, Hen. Blake de Leycestria, *Sim. de Wykyngston ernemongere, Joh. fil. Ricardi Othelaunde[3], *Rob. de Cossale plomer, *Rob. de Thorp de Northburgh tannator, Joh. Burgeys (s.p.), *Steph. de Nouo Castro subter Lynam, Will. Bakon de Wythcok sutor, *Ric. del la Launde[3], *Joh. Kyng sherman, *Tho. de Walpol jueler, *Tho. de Ernesby corueyser, *Adam Courtanier[4]. *Rog. de Wykingston barkere, *Will. Ketyl seruiens, Henrici Blake, Ric. fil. Radulphi de Burton (s.p.), *Will. de Flekeneye tayllour, *Hugo de Lyle[5], *Joh. Freman de Thurstyngton, *Hen. de Bulkynton barkere, *Oliuerus Knyghte de Galby, *Joh. de Somerdaby barkere, *Joh. Porter mercer, *Mat. de Enderdeby sherman.

[Sep. 20, 1346.] Note that on Wednesday next after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 20 Ed. III., John Martyn late Mayor of Leicester rendered his account before Ric. Leverich then Mayor of Leicester, Gilbert the Avener then bailiff, Will. of Dunstable, Geoff. of Kent, Will. the Goldsmith, Rob. the Porter, Jurats, John de Cloune, John of Peatling, Tho. of Beeby, Roger of Knightcote, John of Paris, John of Loseby senior, Rob. of Coventry, John Keling, Hen. Aldith, Rob. of Foston, John de Hodyngs senior. Sum total of the receipt of John Martyn £6. 12*s.* 2*d.*

Sum total of the expense of the said John £6. 12*s.* 11*d.* And so the community owes the said John 9*d.*

Sum total of tallage received by Will. of Wakefield chamberlain £47. 19*s.* 2*d.* Sum total of expense and payment £47. 19*s.* And so 2*d.* are owed to the said William.

Box. 2. No. 42. [1345-6.] Roll of the Gild in the time of Ric. Leverich (29 Sep., 19 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 20 Ed. III., Gild-entries):

*Tho. de Stretford flesshewere, Joh. fil. & heres Willelmi Walrand (s.p.), *Rob. Penyfot de Burton, Walt. de Lyndrych de Leycestria, Joh. de Anlep de Leycestria (s.p.), *Adam le Ferour, Rog. de Wylughby frater Roberti de Wylughby mercer, *Hen. le Marchall de Appelby, *Joh. de Whytenham lorimer, *Will. de Langeton, *Will. de Weston opholdere, Ric. le Pultere fil. & heres Willelmi de Barewe rotarii (s.p.), *Will. de Elmeshale mustarder, *Joh. Flemyng, Will. fil. Bertrami de Knyghton heres et mercer (s.p.), *Will. Kyng de Slyforde minor, mercer (entrance-fees in all £2. 16*s.*).

[Nov. 18, 1345.] John son of the late Ralf Gerin of Leicester comes into the Gildhall and there before Ric. Leverich then Mayor, Gilb. the Avener then bailiff, Will. the Goldsmith, Will. of Wrelton, John Sturdy senior, Will. Hendeman, Will. of Dore clerk and others, he shewed a charter of his feoffment of a messuage with its appurtenances situated outside the North Gate in the street (vicum) which is called "Asselane," in which he enfeoffed Tho. le Wyngere of Leicester junior, whereon it is noted according to the tenour of the said charter made thereof for the said Thomas, and full seisin thereof was delivered.

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[1] He was a Brabançon, see below.
[2] Of the hill.
[3] Of the wood or of Launde (Leicestershire).
[4] Maker of curtains.
[5] Of Lille.

XLI. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 5, No. 127. [1345–6.] Account of Ric. Leverich late Mayor (29 Sep., 19 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 20 Ed. III.).

Rents. (Four shops as usual, Peter le Seler's rent for the tenement over the East Gate and a tenement built on the town ditch) and 3*d.* received from the tavern of John of Knightcote mercer at the South Gate.—5*s.* 3*d.* (*Gild-receipts* £2. 16*s.*)

Tallage. He answers for a certain tallage of £40. 17*s.* of the tenth granted to the lord King as appears by tally and by indenture for the Bishop's fee. And of £2. 14*s.* 8*d.* received from the tallage of the taxors.—Total £43. 11*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of receipt £46. 12*s.* 11*d.*

Expenses. Of which he accounts £2. 18*s.* 11½*d.* in the expenses of the Marshal of the lord King and his household staying for three days and three nights at Leicester before Christmas 19 Ed. III.[1]

Gifts and fees. He accounts for £2 given to the lord Earl for a fine made. And 3*s.* 4*d.* given to the lord King's coroners for their fees. And 20*s.* given to Sir John the Marshal. And 13*s.* 4*d.* to Sir Matthew his fellow. And 3*s.* 4*d.* to John clerk of the Marshal. And to the measurer 3*s.* 4*d.* And to two criers 4*s.*, and to the fore-runners (preventor') 1*s.* And two chamberlains 2*s.* 6*d.* And the cook 1*s.* And two palfrey-men 2*s.* And to all the other small servants 2*s.* In wheat 6*d.* And he counts for the fee of the Marshal and the Steward of the lord King 13*s.* 4*d.* And given to the clerk of the office for his fee 5*s.*—Total £5. 14*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. He counts in the expenses of the knight of the Marshal 1*s.* 4*d.* paid for a pound of confectionery (and wine).—2*s.* 4*d.*

Gifts and presents. He counts 6*s.* 8*d.* to a boy from the lord King's chamber. And 1*s.* paid for 2 gallons of wine to the same and to a person sent from the Exchequer of the lord King. And 1*s.* 4*d.* for two gallons of wine sent to Sir Ralf of Hastings for news of the lord Earl from Gascony[2]. And 1*s.* given to a messenger bearing a commission for 12 men-at-arms. And 3*s.* 4*d.* given to Janin a messenger bearing the Supersedeas for levying (alleuiand') the said men[3]. And 2*s.* given to two chief messengers coming with the lord King to the interment of the lord Earl[4]. And 6*d.* given to other runners coming at divers times. And he accounts 2*s.* 6½*d.* in bread and wine sent to Sir Robert of Saddington coming for the view of armed men (bread and wine). And 1*s.* paid to Ric. of Walcote for his salary going to London for the community's business. And 2*s.* paid to Ric. the Cook for the stipend of his hired horse at London, with Ric. of Walcote for the said business of the town.—Total £2. 7*s.* 11*d.*

Wages and payments. He accounts 17*s.* given to divers men working on the ditch in the Barngate[5] (le Bernegate) against the coming of the lord King for the interment of the lord Earl, viz. for 6 days without carriage, and for divers implements paid for, for the same. And 6*d.* paid for acquittance of the 40 marks.—17*s.* 6*d.*

Allowances. He claims allowance of 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to Simon Pakeman. (Salmon and clerk's fee, fee of John de Hodinges serjeant.)—£2. 0*s.* 6*d.* He

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[1] See particulars given below, p. 66.

[2] Henry Earl of Derby sailed for Gascony, June 1345; on his father's death, Sep. 22, 1345, he became Earl of Lancaster. He was fighting in Gascony during 1346.

[3] See XLII.

[4] The Earl of Lancaster died Sep. 22, 1345.

[5] Roll 142, another copy of the same, says "towards the New Hospital."

accounts for £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to the lord King of the tallage of the tenth granted to him. And £3 paid to Peter le Seler for a tun of wine, and £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* to W. Wareyn for the community's debt.—£31.

Total expenses £45. 1*s.* 10½*d.* And so he owes £1. 11*s.* 0½*d.* (3*s.* 6*d.* allowed to him for tallages he cannot levy).

[v°.] And 10*s.* allowed to the said Mayor he accounts, because he discharged the community of the clerk's table this year. And so 17*s.* 6½*d.* are owed to the community. Of which he afterwards paid 6*s.* 8*d.* for carriage-hire for the road towards the Hospital whereof he accounts for the wage of the workmen below (i.e. above). And so 10*s.* 10½*d.* are owed which he paid to John of the Wainhouse, Mayor after him, on account.

Box 6, No. 142 (1). At the coming of the King's Marshal in the 19th year.

Expenses (in bread, wine, beer, large meat, poultry, fuel, candles, straw, litter, horse-bread, hay, oats)—12*s.* 10*d.*

On Monday, turpentine (terpentyn) 3*d.*, coal 8½*d.*, large meat 2*s.*, a pheasant (fesaunt) 1*s.* 6*d.*[1], capons, saffron (saffram), 2 porkers 8*d.*, rabbits (cuniculis), hens, soup (potage), bread, wine, beer, horse-bread, fuel, candles, straw, litter (etc. as before), horse-shoeing, mending (correctione) of saddles, 2 halters[2] for horses 8*d.*—£1. 2*s.* 2*d.*

[v°.] On Wednesday, bread, wine, beer, in baker's hens[3] (gallin' pistor'), in pies 1*s.*, in roast meat, in 1 rabbit (cuniculo) 4*d.*—10*s.* 3½*d.*

Sum total of the Marshal's expenses £2. 16*s.* 4½*d.*

[The rest of the roll closely resembles Box 5, No. 127 as above.]

XLII. *Royal Letters Patent reducing the military service of Leicester.*

Box 17, No. 106. May 8, 1346. (To the surveyors, assayers, and electors of men-at-arms, hobelers and archers in the county of Leicester. The men of the town of Leicester were assessed at 12 armed men for their lands, tenements and chattels in that town, to be found for the King's service and for his next passage into foreign parts. The number is reduced to six by the King's Council for certain reasons (not specified), and for £20 paid to the Exchequer for the expenses of the six men. This is not to be a precedent.)

[Portion of the great seal in brown wax appendant.]

XLIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 128 (1). [1346.] (A list of the names of 12 auditors of the account of Richard Leverich for the time when he was Mayor, and a list of 12 collectors.)

[v°.] Note that these £11. 5*s.* 10*d.* of the debt of Will. Wareyn for the time of his mayoralty in the 11th year of the King[4] now remain in the possession of the said William; 12 haketons and 11 bassinets, 6 sheaves (shef) of arrows with the repair of the aforesaid, £5. 17*s.* 8*d.*[5], as appears in his account whereof he is to answer. Of which, paid to him by the hand of Geoff. of Kent late Mayor of Leicester £3. 10*s.*,

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[1] On the dearness and comparative scarcity of pheasants see *Swinfield Roll*, p. 40.

[2] The word *chehestres* (Fr. chevestre, halter) has been deleted and *capistris* written above.

[3] Cf. the "hens in bread" of earlier rolls.

[4] See XVIII. p. 28.

[5] See p. 28.

as appears in his account of 15 Ed. III.[1] And 20*s.* paid by Ric. Leverich Mayor, 20 Ed. III. And 6*s.* 8*d.* allowed on his tallage of the King's tenth[2]. (And other payments to him.)

(2) [1346–7.] Account of John Waynhous for the time when he was Mayor of the town of Leicester (29 Sep., 20 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 21 Ed. III.) for all his charges (etc.).

Arrears. He answers for 10*s.* 10½*d.*[3] received from Ric. Leverich late Mayor of the town of Leicester for arrears of his account. And for 12*s.* 9*d.* received from Henry Aldyth late collector of the tenth in the time of John Martyn. And for 4*s.* received from Ric. Wyng collector of the tenth in the time of the said John Martyn, Mayor.—£1. 7*s.* 7*d.* *Rents.* (Shops under the Gildhall 4*s.*) And for 1*s.* received from Peter le Seler for the tenement over the East Gate and for the tenement built on the town-ditch, and for 3*d.* received from the tavern late of Knightcote mercer (mercenar') at the South Gate.—5*s.* 3*d.* (Gild entries as appears by particulars) £3. 9*s.* 4*d.*

Tallage. He answers for £11. 9*s.* 8*d.* received from...for a certain tallage assessed for the fine of hobelers. He answers for £51. 15*s.* 11*d.* received from... taxors and receivers of the tenth in that year. He answers for 6*s.* 8*d.* from the Bishop's Fee as in the present sent to the lord Earl.—£63. 12*s.* 3*d.* Sum total of receipt £68. 14*s.* 5*d.*

(Partridges, woodcocks, pheasants (fesauns) to Sir John de Gynewell because he discharged the community of £20 for hobelers—7*s.* 9½*d.*, 1 lb. of confectionery to Simon Symeon 2*s.* 6*d.*, and 5*s.* 2*d.* in eels, pike (pykes) and lampreys to Sir John, coming to make provision for the lord's coming.)

Idem computat in vno exennio misso domino nostro †Comite† Lancastrie in primo aduentu suo post mortem patris sui ad seisinam in terris suis capiendam. In pane xxix*s.* vi*d.* Item in vii sportis ad portandum predictum panem ii*s.* v*d.* Item in vno doleo vini cxiii*s.* iiii*d.* Item in oilagio vii*d.* Item in xii lupis aquaticis xlix*s.* vi*d.* Item in xii *bremes* xxi*s.* xi*d.* Item in xii anguillis xlviii*s.* Item in xii laumpredis c*s.* viii*d.* Item in xii salmonibus xliiii*s.* v*d.* Item in xx quarteriis auenarum xl*s.* Item in xx saccis pro predictis auenis inponendis viii*s.* viii*d.* Item datum Johanni de Hodyngges

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He accounts in a present sent to our lord Earl of Lancaster on his first coming after the death of his father to take seisin in his lands. In bread £1. 9*s.* 6*d.* In 7 baskets for carrying the said bread 2*s.* 5*d.* In a tun of wine £5. 13*s.* 4*d.* In butt-filling[4] 7*d.* In 12 pike[5] £2. 9*s.* 6*d.* In 12 bream[6] £1. 1*s.* 11*d.* In 12 eels £2. 8*s.* In 12 lampreys[7] £5. 0*s.* 8*d.* In 12 salmon £2. 4*s.* 5*d.* In 20 quarters of oats £2. In 20 sacks to put the said oats in 8*s.* 8*d.* Given to John de Hodyngges for

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[1] See XXVIII. p. 48. [2] See XLI. p. 65.

[3] The ½*d.* is added above the line and neglected in the total.

[4] See *ouillage* in Godefroy, the action of filling wine-casks.

[5] See *Prompt. Parv. pyke*, lupus, and Rogers' *Prices* II. 553.

[6] See *Swinfield Roll*, p. 57. The *Shuttleworth Accounts* give bream at 6*d.*, p. 470. All the above prices are very high.

[7] On the price of lampreys see the *Swinfield Roll*, pp. civ, 55 and Rogers' *Prices*.

pro stipendio suo eunti apud Gloucestriam pro predictis laumpredis iii*s.* iiii*d.* Item garcioni suo xvii*d.* Item in ii seruris pro predictis anguillis et laumpredis inponendis in Sora ii*d.* Item in perdicione prouidencie facte in cignis et grossis carnibus non expendite pro predicto exennio xiiii*s.* viii*d.* Item datum magistro Johanni de Elmeshale vi*s.* viii*d.* pro feodo suo. Item computat xvi*d.* in vino dato officiariis domini Comitis contra adventum suum per vices. Summa xxiiii*li.* vi*s.* vii*d.*

Jantacule. Item computat in expensis Johannis de Frelond Senescalli honoris Leycestrie, Johannis Charnels, Johannis Heyward Receptoris, Gilberti Lauyner balliui et omnium Juratorum et omnium aliorum proborum hominum ville Leycestrie iantand' cum Maiore quando presentatus fuit in Curia Comitis xl*s.*—Summa xl*s.*

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his stipend going to Gloucester for the said lampreys 3*s.* 4*d.* To his groom 1*s.* 5*d.* In 2 fish-locks for the said eels and lampreys to be put into the Soar 2*d.* In loss on the provision made in swans and large meats not spent for the said present 14*s.* 8*d.* Given to Master John of Elmsall 6*s.* 8*d.* for his fee. He accounts for 1*s.* 4*d.* in wine given to the officials of the lord Earl against his coming on various occasions.—Total £24. 6*s.* 7*d.*

Dinners. He accounts in the expenses of John de Frelond Steward of the Honour of Leicester, John Charnels, John Hayward Receiver, Gilbert the Avener bailiff and all the Jurats and all the other honest men of the town of Leicester dining with the Mayor when he was presented in the Earl's Court £2.—Total £2.

He accounts in the expenses of John de Frelond, Steward, John Hayward the Receiver, Gilbert the Avener, bailiff, Ric. Leverich, Will. Waryn, Rob. Porter, and other servants (minist') being there dining with the Mayor touching the business of the community, in bread, wine, beer and kitchen 9*s.* 6½*d.* Given on that day to John de Frelond Steward for having good counsel and aid, a pair of gauntlets, price 1*s.* 4*d.*, with 20*s.* put in (impos'). To his clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* Given to John Blount at the tavern (wine) confectionery 4*d.* He accounts in expenses incurred for wools granted to the lord King in 2 gallons of wine for beverage[1] 1*s.* 4*d.* Given for God 1*d.*[2]—Total £1. 17*s.* 3½*d.*

Gifts to the messengers of the lord King and Earl. He accounts for 4*d.* given to a messenger of the lord King coming from Gascony with good news of our lord the Earl of Lancaster. And 1*s.* given to our chief messenger of the lord King coming from Calais with news. Given to a runner from the Exchequer coming for wools 1*d.* And 3*d.* given to another runner another time with news; 6*d.* given to a runner bearing the lord King's writ to come to Council (etc. torn).—Total 5*s.* 1*d.*

Expenses. He accounts in expenses incurred on a certain bridge outside the North Gate destroyed (disrutum) and broken (confractum) to the great peril and injury of the neighbours and strangers crossing over against the lord's coming

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[1] See I. p. 349.

[2] See *Hist. Eng. Law* on God's penny, II. p. 207.

14*s.* 6*d.* In breaking of stones in Saturday Market near Henry Dexter's 8*s.* 8*d.* Given to John the common clerk 3*s.* And to John de Hodynges serjeant 2*s.* by assent of all the taxors as is the custom.—Total £1. 8*s.* 2*d.*

He counts in a present sent to our lord the Earl at the Lodge (le logge) bread, 12 sesters (crestr') of wine 32*s.*, 1 carcase of beef 7*s.*, 3 of pork 10*s.*, baskets for carrying the same 4*d.*—Total £2. 18*s.* 4*d.*

(Other payments torn)—£38. 2*s.* 10*d.*

(Allowances, usual fees, torn.)

Total of expense £75. 1*s.* Total of receipt £68. 4*s.* 5*d.*

And so there remains £6. 16*s.* 7*d.* in surplus, of which the community of the town is bound afterwards to allow John Hodynges junior 3*s.* 4*d.* of a certain tallage of the tenth and the present of the lord Earl, because it is testified that the said John was assessed too heavily at 10*s.* in the said tallage. And 6*d.* sent to Margery Russel because it is testified that she has nothing in the town. And 3*s.* remitted to Will. of Dore because clerk of the town and also for divers labours on the business of the town. And 6*d.* remitted to Tho. Martyn because he is impoverished (depauperatus). And 3*d.* remitted to John Lymene, assessed and he has nothing, 21*s.* remitted to Ric. of the Garderobe because it is testified that he has nothing. Sum of allowance or remission 8*s.* 7*d.*, so the said community owes the said accountant £7. 5*s.* 2*d.*

XLIV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 43. [1346–7.] Roll of the Merchant Gild (Gilde mercatoris) in the time of John of the Wainhouse Mayor of the town of Leicester (29 Sep., 20 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 21 Ed. III.). Entries:

*Sim. de Melton tannator, *Will. de Segrave tannator, *Joh. Cok de Thrustyngton, Rog. Skapelory sadeler, *Joh. de Weston dextere, *Hen. de Burgh baxtere, *Rob. de Naffreton, *Will. de Sutton, *Ric. Aubrey, *Tho. de Nowesle, *Joh. Benet de Kyrkeby, *Tho. de Thrustington barker, *Pet. de Stoughton.

[Sep. 17, 1347.] Amicia daughter of Nic. Skinner of Leicester comes into the hall of the Gild Merchant (mercatoris) before John of the Wainhouse then Mayor of the town of Leicester, Gilbert the Avener then bailiff of the said town, Ric. Leverich, Ric. Norman, Will. Goldsmith, John Brid, Jurats and others of the community and declared herself to be of full age and this was testified by Amicia the wife of John Brid, and Amicia late (wife) of Adam Herberd, godmothers (commatres) of the said Amicia.

XLV. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 4, No. 99. [July 4, 1347.] Tallage assessed on Wednesday next after the feast of the translation of St Thomas the Martyr (21 Ed. III.), John of the Wainhouse being Mayor, for wools granted to the lord King, to wit 8 sacks, 4 stone and 2 pounds.

r°. South Quarter, 86 names, £8. 5*s.* 8*d.*

v°. Remnant of South Quarter, 14 names; sum of South Quarter within and without £8. 19*s.* 11*d.*

r°. Swines and Saturday Market, 89 names, £10. 1*s.* 1*d.*

v°. Remnant of Swines Market, 21 names; sum of Swines and Saturday Market within and without £12. 1*s.* 9*d.*

r°. North Quarter, 80 names, £5. 5*s*. 4*d*.[1] v°. Undescribed, 51 names.
Total (? North Quarter) both within and without £8. 8*s*. 5*d*.
v°. East Quarter, 125 names, £5. 9*s*. 11*d*.
Sum total £35. 0*s*. 5*d*.[2]

Box L, No. 248[3] (7). [1347–8.] A list of names and payments for lands, chattels, rents, concerning which no further particulars are given beyond occasional entries in the margin, *lich'*, or *lag'*, against some of the names, abbreviations which I cannot interpret. Also p', d', probably to distinguish sums paid or owing. Names are grouped under the heading Swines Market and Saturday Market, also under North Quarter. The sum total is given as £34. 9*s*. 11*d*., and a note is made that the sum of rents of foreigners (redd' forinc') is £7. 2*s*. 5*d*. And the whole sum £41. 12*s* 4*d*. not counting the taxes of 13 taxors. At the foot the sum total is given as £42. 12*s*. 1*d*., and a note struck through says that the sum total of the tax for wool in the 21st year is £46. 9*s*. 2*d*.

Box L, No. 247 (4). [Date uncertain.] Redditus hominum forincecorum ville Leycestrie pro lanis domino Regi concessis[4].

	s.	*d.*
De domina de Ferariis pro terris et tenementis suis	1	8
De Ric. Ussher pro eisdem		6
De Vicario de Melton pro eisdem	1	3
De Abbate de Crouland pro eisdem		6
De Abbate de Miravalle ...	3	4
De Abbate de Osolueston[5]	1	0
De Priore de Landa[6] ...		7
De Magistro de Burton Sancti Lazari[7]	1	3
De Magistro de Merton[8] ...	1	3
De Tho. de Shulton ...	12	6
De relicta Hamonis Hotoft		9
De Joh. de Leghton Bosard	2	0
De Domina de Belers ...	1	10
De Joh. de Foleuill	2	0
De Will. de Moton	2	6
De Abbate de Sulby[9] ...	1	3
De Magistro Laur. de Belgraue	2	0
De Joh. de Tuwe	1	9
De Will. de Rodyngton ...	2	6
De Joh. filio et herede Johannis de Knygh[t]cote ...	2	10
De Will. Engleys		5
De Rog. la Zouche	1	11
De Hen. de Purle		8
De Amicia Poleyn	3	9
De Ric. de Bredon	3	9
De Agnete Danet	7	6
De Tho. Danet	1	3
De Rog. de Barkeby ...	2	6
De Elena de Shirford ...	5	0
De Magistro Nic. le Cok ...	2	2
De Joh. Walssh domino de Anlep	3	9
De Joh. de Glen	2	2
De Joh. de Hotoft	1	3
De Nic. Rauene		10
De Rad. de Ferariis milite		8
De Vicario Ecclesie beate Margarete		10
De Will. de Donyngton ...	3	8
De Will. de Barusby et Johanne atte Halle ...	5	0

[1] Struck through.
[2] The totals added make £34. 13*s*.
[3] A large bundle consisting chiefly of portions of tallage rolls, mostly undated and fragmentary.
[4] Rents of foreign men of the town of Leicester for wools granted to the lord King.
[5] Owston.
[6] Launde.
[7] Burton Lazars' Hospital of the Knights of St John.
[8] Probably the Warden of Merton College, Oxford.
[9] Northants.

	s.	*d.*
De Rob. de Holond ...	2	6
De Rob. de Herle	3	9
De Pet. de Houghton ...	1	0
De Tho. de Walton ...	1	0
De Joh. Lorimer		9
De Katerina Cagge	1	10
De Canonicis Ecclesie beate Marie de Castro	6	8
De Hermano Louayn ...		6
De Will. Leuere	1	11
De Joh. Leuere	5	0
De Tho. de Thurmeston ...	1	11
De Ed*mund*o de Wytenham		10
De Laur. de Grafham ...	2	6
De Rog. Glyde	1	3
De Will. de Gaddesby capellano	1	0
De Will. de Glen capellano		5
De Hen. de Baddesle ...	3	9
De Rob. Ulf de Outheby ...		10
De Rob. Burgeys	3	9
De Rob. de Wylughby ...	2	6
De Tho. de Wylughby ...		6
De Joh. Huttes		6
De Tho. de Whenlesbergh		2
De Magistro Galfrido atte Milne	3	0
De Magistro Willelmo le Cok	1	3
De Rectore ecclesie de Hether		10
De Joh. de Coventria capellano	1	0
De Tho. de Marewe capellano	1	6
De Tho. de Weston ...		9
De Elia Bullok	1	0
De Steph. de Trafford ...		6

	s.	*d.*
De Joh. Nakerer[1]	1	3
De Will. Smyth de Ailleston		8
De Hen. Burdet	1	4
De Joh. de Melton	1	2
De Rog. de Godecote de Bradgate		5
De relicta Thome Clerk ...		8
De Sim. Ricardoun ...		8
De Will. Sparwe de Thurmeston		4
De Rob. Drax		5
De Phil. Fisshere		7
De Joh. filio et herede Johannis Porter	3	9
De Joh. de Haldenby ...		8
De Joh. fil. Ade de Stoughton de Kirkeby		9
De Joh. de Stretton capellano		6
De domino Will. de Foxton		5
De Maria Dodeman ...		4
De Phil. Denderby		6
De Joh. de Sapcote ...		11
De Elena Danet		8
De Will. Miles		6
De Rob. fil. Alicie Kellere	1	3
De Joh. of the Breuerne[2] ...		6
De Pet. de Harberghe ...		3
De Joh. de Bedenhale capellano	1	3
[v°.] De Joh. de Ailleston capellano		8
De Rog. Bee pro vi toftis et ix*s.* redditus	2	0
De Hawisia de Ascheby ...		5
De Magistro hospitalis S. Johannis Leycestrie ...	4	0
De Priorissa de Langele ...	(*blank*)	

Summa preter canonicos ecclesie S. Marie et fratres hospitalis S. Johannis Leycestrie viii*li.* xiiii*d.*[3]

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[1] Player of the 'nakere' a species of drum. Stratmann-Bradley's *Dictionary*.

[2] Brew-house.

[3] Sum, besides the canons of the church of St Mary and the brethren of the hospital of St John of Leicester £8. 1*s.* 2*d.*

XLVI. *Pleas of Leicester Fair.*

Box 8, No. 187 (5)[1]. [1347.] Placita nundinarum ville Leycestrie, a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum xxi.

1. Rob. Palmer q*ueritu*r in pl*ac*ito deb*iti* p*ro* †a s.† (?): op*tulit* se v*ersus* Rog*erum* Schapelori et q*uia* no*n* est pr*esens* versus eum, ideo ipse et balliuus pl*egius* sui de pr*osecutione* in m*isericord*ia. [ii*d.*]

2. Walt. Parcheminer defend*it* u*ersus* Joh*annem* de Knaptoft in pl*ac*ito de*biti*: ve*n*it et p*er* lic*enciam* c*ommunitatis* po*nit* se in m*isericord*ia: pl*egius* ball*iuus*. [i*d.*]

3. Will. de Assheby cotil*er* q*ueritur* de Joh*ann*e fil*io* Hug*onis* Barker de pl*ac*ito deb*iti*: q*ui* ve*n*it et cogn*ouit* ii*s.* vi*d.* quos pr*eceptum* e*st* le*uar*i etc. et pro dampno ii*d.*

4. (Tho. Marsh against John Donington, like 2.)

5. Ric. Cochet q*ueritur* de Dauid Chalon*er* de pl*acito* t*rans*-*gressionis* eo q*uod* in Ley*cestria* die sabb*at*i prox. post f*estu*m Inue*ncion*is S. Crucis a.r.r. xxi. eidem insultu*m* fecit et ips*u*m vocauit f*elonium* ho*min*em p*er* q*uod* credenc*iam* xx*s.* v*er*sus Joh*an*-*nem* Lomb amisit etc. ad da*m*pn*um* etc. Qui ve*n*it et defe*ndit* etc. q*uod* non culp*abilis* etc. vn*de* p*receptum* fu*it* ball*iuo* q*uo*d ve[n]ire

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Pleas of the Fair of the town of Leicester, 21 Ed. III.

1. Rob. Palmer complains in a plea of debt for a shilling (?): he appeared against Roger Scapelori and because he is not present against him, therefore he and the bailiff his pledge of the prosecution (are) in mercy. [2*d.*]

2. Walter Parchment-maker defends against John of Knaptoft in a plea of debt: he comes and by leave of the community puts himself in mercy: pledge the bailiff. [1*d.*]

3. Will. of Ashby cutler complains of John, son of Hugh Barker of a plea of debt: who came and confessed 2*s.* 6*d.* which was ordered to be levied etc. and for damage 2*d.*

5. Ric. Cochet complains of David Blanket-maker of a plea of trespass, because he assaulted him in Leicester on Saturday next after the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross[2] in the 21st year of the reign of the King, and called him a felon by which he lost credit of 20*s.* with John Lomb etc. to the damage etc. Who comes and defends etc. that he is not guilty etc. wherefore the bailiff was ordered to summon the community also etc. which

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[1] Rubbed and difficult to read. It is rolled in with the Portmanmoot Roll of 1377.

[2] Leicester Fair was held on that feast (May 3) and for a week after.

fac*ceret* eciam c*ommun*it*atem* etc. Que dic*it* q*uod* culp*abilis* et da*m*pn*um* po*nit* ad vi*d.* q*uo*s pr*eceptum* e*st* [leuari] etc.

(Eleven similar suits.)

6. Pet. de Wortington q*ueritur* de Ricardo Large de pl*a*cito deb*iti*: q*ui* ve*n*it in Cur*iam* et n*ihi*l dicit p*a*rti: id*e*o cons*ideratum* e*st* q*uod* n*ihi*l cap*iat* etc. s*ed* in m*isericord*ia.

(Thomas of Thorp Langton against John de Sawell, like 2.)

7. Nic. de Aldestre q*ueritu*r de Ric*ard*o de Ma*m*mesfeld et Ag*nete* vx*ore* ei*us* de pl*a*cito deb*iti* eo q*uod* i*n*iuste ei det*inet* xv*s.* etc. ad da*m*pn*um* etc. Qui uen*it* et defend*it* etc. p*er* lege*m* sua*m* p*er* p*receptum* ball*iui* etc. et die*m* h*abu*it etc. ad que*m* die*m* ven*it* et p*er*fec*it* lege*m* sua*m* etc. I*de*o etc.

(Other similar suits.)

8. Ric. de Wircestr*e* fourbo*ur* def*endit* v*ersus* eunde*m* Joh*annem*[1]: ve*nit* et cogn*ouit* iii*s.* vii*d.* pro allec' quos pr*eceptum* est le*uar*i etc.

9. Rob. Rauene def*endit* v*ersus* Joh*annem* de Peteling et Joh*annem* de Cloune in duabus q*uere*lis: ve*nit* et per lic*enciam* c*ommunitatis* po*nit* se i*n* m*isericord*ia in vtrisque pla*citi*s.

10. Will. Gaylard et Joh. de Rolleston def*endunt* v*ersus* Walt*eru*m Barker in †duab*us*† pl*a*citis t*ran*s*gressionis*: ve*niunt* et p*er* lic*enciam* etc.

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says that he is guilty and puts the damage at 6*d.* which is ordered (to be levied) etc.

6. Peter of Worthington complains of Ric. Large of a plea of debt: who comes into the Court and says nothing to the party: therefore it is determined that he take nothing etc. but in mercy.

7. Nic. of Austrey[2] complains of Ric. of Mansfield and Agnes his wife of a plea of debt because he unjustly detains 15*s.* from him etc. to the damage etc. Who comes and denies etc. by his law[3] by order of the bailiff etc. and had day etc. on which day he came and carried through his law etc. Therefore etc.

8. Ric. of Worcester furbisher defends against the said John (of Coventry): he came and confessed 3*s.* 7*d.* for herrings, which was ordered to be levied etc.

9. Rob. Raven defends against John of Peatling and John de Cloune in two pleas: he comes and by leave of the community puts himself in mercy in both pleas.

10. Will. Gaylard and John of Rolleston defend against Walter Barker in two pleas of trespass: they come and by leave etc.

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[1] De Coventria. [2] Co. Warwick. [3] I.e. oath.

11. Simon de Barkeby defendit versus Willelmum de Houghton in placito iniuste det*encionis* 1 olle: venit (etc.).

Summa viii*s.* i*d.* Vnde supra (and 3 payments).

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11. Simon of Barkby defends against Will. of Houghton in a plea of the unjust detention of one pot: he comes (etc.)

Total 8*s.* 1*d.* Whereof above.

XLVII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 100. [1348.] (Title torn away.) John Hayward, Mayor of Leicester, [for the tenth] granted to the King at Midlent 22 Ed. III.[1] and assessed after Michaelmas.

(List of collectors.) 146 pay £11. 2*s.* 8*d.*, 114 pay £5. 8*s.* 5*d.* [v°.] Headed Swines and Saturday Market, 117 pay £10. 1*s.* 8*d.*, 86 pay £3. 17*s.* 11*d.*—Total £30. 5*s.* 8*d.*[2]

XLVIII. *Letters Patent to Henry Earl of Lancaster*[3].

Box 13, No. 127. [Sep. 25, 1349.] (Whereas we lately granted to our kinsman Henry then Earl of Lancaster divers liberties, and whereas our kinsman Henry the now Earl of Lancaster, son and heir of the said Henry, restored the said charter to our Chancery to be cancelled, we wishing to do a special favour to the said now Earl of Lancaster have granted him all the liberties contained in that charter for his life, that is that he and his heirs may be quit of †pannage†, passage, paage, lastage, stallage, tallage, carriage, pesage, †pilage† and terrage[4] throughout our realm, and also that the said Earl shall have return of all writs, and summonses to the Exchequer, and attachments both of pleas of the crown as of all others in all his lands, so that no sheriff, bailiff or other servant of ours may enter for the execution of their writs, summonses and attachments of pleas of the crown or others aforesaid, or do any other office there unless by defect of the said Earl and his bailiff and servants: and also that he have chattels of his men and tenants, felons and fugitives, so that if any of his men or tenants should lose for his offence life or member or should flee and refuse to stand for judgment or should do any other offence for which he ought to lose his chattels, wherever justice is to be done on him, whether in our Court or in another, his chattels shall be the Earl's; and he shall have all fines for trespasses and other offences whatsoever, also fines for leave to agree, and also amercements, ransoms and forfeited issues and forfeitures, year, day, and waste and estrep[5] and all things which may belong to us of such year, day and waste, and murders[6] of all the men and tenants of his lands and

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[1] In the parliament March 31 to Ap. 13, 1348.

[2] For £30. 10*s.* 8*d.*

[3] The charter is printed and translated in Hardy's *Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster*, p. 6, sqq.

[4] Compare the list in VI. Pilage is probably for pikage. Terrage is a payment for ground.

[5] See *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 448, and Stevenson's *Nottingham*, II. 452. The king has a right to the profits of a felon's lands for a year and a day, and may waste and strip or impoverish the ground and root up trees (Fr. estrep, Lat. extirp(are).

[6] Murder-fines.

fees whatsoever, in whatsoever court, before us in our Chancery or before our Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer, and before our Justices of the Bench and before the Stewards, Marshals, or the Clerk of the Market of our Household and others who for the time being may be, as also before the Justices in Eyre for Common Pleas and for Forest Pleas and any other Justices. Witnessed at Westminster 25 Sep. 1349.)

XLIX. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 152. [1350–1.] Account of Geoff. of Kent of his mayoralty (29 Sep., 24 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 25 Ed. III.).

Arrears. He answers for £1. 13*s.* 3¼*d.* of arrears of his last account in the preceding year.

Receipt of entrances of the Gild. And of £4. 16*s.* 8*d.* received of divers persons entering the Gild as appears by headings this year.

Tallage of the King's tenth. And of £30. 3*s.* 10*d.* received of the tallage of the King in this year.

Tallage for the writ of oyer and terminer. And of £21 received of the tallage assessed for the writ of oyer and terminer purchased (perquisito) by Hugh of Berwick for troubling the Mayor and community[1] at Wymondham.

Sum total of receipt £57. 13*s.* 9¼*d.*

Of which he accounts 40 marks paid to John Leverich and his fellows, assessors and receivers of the lord King's tenth this year. And 4*d.* paid to their clerk for having acquittance of the said tenth.

Gifts and expenses. And he accounts £7. 15*s.* 6*d.* in expenses at Wymondham and Melton as appears by the account of John Cook accounting between the Mayor and the said John and John of Peatling. And 6*s.* paid to Will. of Syston for wax and 6 pieces consumed at Melton which were not accounted in the account of the said John. And £2 paid to 6 clients at Wymondham. And 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to Ric. of Foxton and his clerk for his council and aid, and 1*s.* to Ric. de Canke bailiff-errant[2] for the same. (And to others for work at Melton.) And £3. 4*s.* 4*d.* paid to Will. the Goldsmith and John of Peatling for expediting the business of the community with (versus) the Earl. And £4. 16*s.* to Will. of Dunstable and (Tho. of) Beby for the business of the community in parliament. (Other payments torn.)

Expenses. Wine sent to John de Freland Steward at the house of Gilbert the Avener...when the lord's Court was held at the castle. (Wine to others, torn.) Wine to John Cook when words arose (mota fuerunt) between Gilbert the Avener and Tho. Bulneys...And 1*s.* 4*d.* in a gallon of vernage wine (vini vernag')[3] consumed (expend') at the tavern of John Cook on Will. of Dunstable, John of Peatling and others when they came from the Abbey after what had been spoken with Hugh of Berwick, wine consumed (expend') at the tavern of Hugh of Lille, against Will. of Dunstable and Tho. of Beeby when they came from parliament. (Wine) sent to Sir Edmund of Appleby and Roger of Werrington (Queryngton) captors of corn and meat. (Wine) consumed at the concord made between Ric. of Gaddesby and

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[1] Laborand' maiorem et communitatem. See Ducange, who compares the use of *laborare* with the French *travailler quelqu'un.*

[2] See N.E.D.

[3] See Henderson's *Wines*, p. 297. It is a Tuscan wine made from the thick-skinned grape "Vernaccia." It was sweet and rough in flavour and highly esteemed.

Will. Flamvill. (Wine for the same) at the house of Will. Goldsmith, and for John Lever[ich], Geoff. Vilers and others on the Saturday [May 7] next after the feast of St John ante Portam Latinam when proclamation was made for fire-beacons (fir bekenes) to stand on the hills. (Wine for others) in a dinner consumed at the tavern of Will. Tubbe on Tho. Wyngere, Walt. Lyn and other assessors and collectors of the tallage of £21 for a writ of oyer and terminer as appears by parcels. And 1*s.* in a dinner consumed at the tavern of Will. of Wakefield when the lord hunted in the forest, in the presence of (2 named) and others. In wine consumed at the tavern of Will. of Cossington on Nic. Butler and another fellow coming to test (ad temptand') wine for the lord. (Wine) charged on the community ...Wine...for testing (temptacione) of the white wine for the lord. To...assessors of the King's tenth and the Queen's gold[1] of £30. 3*s.* 10*d.* as appears above. In beer consumed at the wood for Will. Goldsmith and others when the lord hunted in the forest (and wine to another).—Total £7. 14*s.* 10*d.*

Allowances and fees. (As usual) 3*s.* given to his clerk for making the rolls of two tallages and going with the collectors. And 2*s.* to Will. Aldut for his labour going with the collectors to collect the said tallage. And he claims allowance for 2*s.* 6*d.* allowed to Ric. Norman and his fellows, collectors of the South Gate, which they could not levy as appears.—Total £3. 14*s.* 8*d.*

Auditors of the account of Geoffrey of Kent for the time of his mayoralty, being for two years together, viz. Will. the Goldsmith Mayor, Roger of Knightcote, Rob. the Porter, John Cook junior, Jurats, Ric. of Foston, Will. of Twineham, Rob. of Coventry, and Tho. Rodecok on Wednesday the feast of St Clement 25 Ed. III. (Nov. 23, 1351).

The said Geoffrey owes the community £2. 9*s.* 3¼*d.*

L. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 1, No. 10. [1350–1.] Names of those entering the Gild after Michaelmas in the second year[2], 24 Ed. III. to Michaelmas 25 Ed. III.

Ric. de Ernesby cordewaner, Nic. de Kelyngworth flesshewer, Joh. Sauney de Neuton barker, Will. de Stretton coc, Joh. Moleyn, Will. de Ernesby mercer, Hugo Broun de Lycchefeld corvyser, Rog. St — de Melton, Joh. — (s.p.), Joh. fil. — de Stonton (s.p.), Rad. Hankyn de Whelesbu[r]gh, (others torn), Walt. de Evyngton, Joh. de Derby furner', Hugo Yoman de Mountsorell flesschewer. (Total £4. 16*s.* 8*d.*)

LI. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 153. [1351–2.] Account of Will. the Goldsmith for the time when he was Mayor of the town of Leicester (29 Sep., 25 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 26 Ed. III. etc.).

Arrears. He answers for £2. 9*s.* 3¼*d.* received from Geoff. of Kent late Mayor of Leicester of arrears of his account. And for £10 received from a certain tallage assessed for a tun of wine sent to the lord Duke[3] of Lancaster in the time of the said Geoffrey. And for £27 received from a certain tallage assessed for a gift of £20 in money by tale (pecunia numerata) sent to the lord Duke of Lancaster.

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[1] Cf. I. p. 347.

[2] Of Geoffrey's mayoralty.

[3] Henry Earl of Lancaster was made Duke of Lancaster 6 March 1351.

And for £28. 7*s.* 3*d.* received from a certain tallage assessed at Easter (26 Ed. III.) for the tenth of the said lord King, 40 marks.—Total of arrears with other receipts £67. 16*s.* 6¼*d.*

He answers for 4 trees received as a gift of the lord Duke for making of the Gates of the town.

Received for entrances of the Gild Merchant (£9. 10*s.*).

Sum total of receipt £77. 6*s.* 6¼*d.*

Of which he accounts 40 marks[1] paid for the tenth of the lord King that year.

Gifts. And he accounts £10 paid for a tun of wine sent to the lord Duke of Lancaster. He accounts £20 in money by tale given to the lord Duke of Lancaster instead of a present. He accounts 4 marks paid for Queen's gold. And 6*d.* for having acquittance of the said 4 marks. He accounts 3*s.* paid for three gallons of wine sent to the auditors of the lord Duke of Lancaster when they sat at the Castle on hearing the account. He accounts 3*s.* 6*d.* in the expenses of John de Freland and others dining with the Mayor when he made his oath at the castle. He accounts 15*s.* 2*d.* in the expenses of the said Mayor, Richard of Beeby, Tho. the Fisher and others going to Nottingham for the convenience of the community. And 2*s.* in wine spent on Ric. of Beeby, Will. of Wakefield and other Jurats and honest men before the parliament held at London after the feast of St Hilary[2]. Paid to Will. of Wakefield going to parliament on the business of the community and staying there that time for 5 weeks and 3 days, £3. 16*s.* taking by day 2*s.* In expenses of John de Freland Steward, Tho. of the Grove, John the Receiver, Will. of Wakefield and others feeding (comedent') at the house of the Mayor in the first week of Lent, 10*s.* 1*d.* Given to John de Freland Steward for having his aid for the community 2 marks that year. And paid to Ric. of Beeby for his aid for the community that year £1. (Wine to the Steward and another dinner at the Mayor's.)—£67. 6*s.* 1*d.*

(Wine to John le Blound and other officials of the Duke.) (Wine) for the Mayor and some Jurats when the King's writ of attaint[3] for the tenement of Master John of Elmsall was delivered (baiulatum), to summon the inquest before the Justices of the lord King. (Wine) spent in supervising the deeds (facta) in the common chest. And 4*d.* in locks (cerur') made for the common chest. And (beer) spent on the assessors of the tallage when they sat at the Gildhall concerning the placing (posicione) of the tun of wine sent to the lord Duke at the wood[4].—Total 8*s.* 5*d.*

Gifts to the messengers of the lord King and Duke. He accounts 6*d.* given to a certain messenger of the lord Duke of Lancaster bringing good news of the lord from Flanders[5]. (To a runner, a messenger from the King's chamber, from the King's Garderobe.) To two messengers of the lord King, one by name Simon and the other Janyn, bearing good news of the lord Duke of Lancaster on Wednesday next before Lady Day[6] (and wine), because they were from the King's Garderobe.

He accounts in expenses of Will. Basset Justice of the lord King, having spent 3*s.* 5*d.* as appears by parcels, because he would remove his session in eyre at that

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[1] £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*

[2] Jan. 13—Feb. 11, 1352.

[3] The dot of the *i* is on the stroke before the *t* of *attinctu*, but not so below, p. 85.

[4] Part of this sentence has been scratched out.

[5] Where he went as ambassador. On his journey he was detained and had to pay a ransom of 3000 gold pieces.

[6] Then on his way home from Poland.

time. Given to Sir Will. of Blaby seeking the charter of the lord Duke[1] at Kenilworth for the utility of the community £2. And he accounts in expenses of the said Mayor when he made his dinner 30*s.* He accounts in the expenses of Laur. of Coleshill and his fellow auditors of the lord Duke dining with the Mayor 5*s.* 3*d.* as appears by parcels.—Total £4. 5*s.* 6*d.*

Expense of the three gates of the town of Leicester. He counts 7*s.* 2*d.* given to two carpenters for a week. And 11*s.* 2*d.* to three carpenters for another week, and 7*s.* 8*d.* to 2 carpenters for a week. And 1*s.* 2*d.* to 1 carpenter for 2 days. And 5*s.* 3½*d.* in 1 tree bought from Ric. Wyngere. And 8*d.* in 1 tree bought for a swivel of the gate (swepel porte) and 6½*d.* in lead bought. And 6*d.* in 2 frame-stones[2](?) (lapid' frm) bought for the South Gate. And 6*d.* in 3 bushel of lime bought. In beer spent for the taking down of the South Gates (pro capt' deorsum portarum Austral') 8*d.* And 4*d.* in making hinges (hengles) and staples (stapul') of the West Gate. And 9*s.* in 300 nails for the South and West Gates. And 1*s.* 8*d.* in the making of chains, staples and hooks (cathenar', stapul' et hokes). And 1*s.* 9*d.* given to 1 mason for 3 days for the placing of the frame-stones (posicione lapid' fr'm) of the South Gate. And 6*d.* given for carriage of a half (folii) of the West Gate. And 2*s.* in 72 nails for the North Gate. And 3*s.* given to sawyers (sarratoribus) sawing 13 boards (tabul') at the East Gate for 4 days. And 2*s.* 3*d.* for sawing the ledges (legges[3]) for the same for 3 days...[4], taking by day 9*d.* 10*d.* in tin (stagno videlicet tyn) bought for the South Gate. And 2*d.* in lead for the same. And 1*s.* 2*d.* in plumber's work at the same. And 2*d.* in charcoal bought for the same. And ½*d.* in tallow (talow). Given to Adam the Slater tiling (tegulant') on the Gate of the town at divers times 7*s.* 6*d.* And 4*d.* in porterage and removal of a ladder at the said Gates. And 2*s.* 3*d.* given to a certain groom serving the tiler and carrying tiles and mortar. And 2*s.* 7*d.* in tiles bought. And 2*s.* 3*d.* in a thousand of tiles bought and in carriage. And 4*s.* in 3 quarters and 3 strikes (estr') of lime bought. And 8*d.* in 2 cartloads of sand (zablon') and 1*d.* in carriage. And 1*s.* 1*d.* in boards (tabul') bought for the same and for the gable-end (ad finem gabul'). And 1*s.* 9*d.* in spike-nails (spikyngs) and lath nails (clav' lat') bought. And 6*d.* in laths bought. And 4*s.* 8*d.* given to four men carrying gravel (†argillum† viz. grauel) and collecting stones for the North Bridge for 4 days each taking by day 3½*d.* And 1*s.* 2*d.* given to 2 men for the same for 2 days. And 2*s.* 6*d.* paid to Tho. Wyngere for a frame-stone (?) (lapid' fr'm) bought from him for the said bridge. And 9*d.* to Henry Marshal for stone bought from him for the same. And 8*d.* in the expenses of two carters of the Abbot of Leicester carrying stone from Ibstock[5] to the same on loan (ex mutuo). And 3*s.* 6*d.* in 3½ quarters of lime bought for the same; 7*s.* 6*d* given to Ralph Derlyng mason making the North Gate for 3 weeks and mending defects in the Gildhall taking for each week 2*s.* 6*d.* And in putting handles on the blades[6] of their axes (stelyng[7] secur' suarum haxes) 8*d.* And 4*s.* 1½*d.* given to a certain groom serving him during that time taking by the week 1*s.* 4½*d.* In making the gable of the Common Hall and mortising (?) (mertacione) of the North Gate 1*s.* 6½*d.* And 6*d.* in 4 combs (pectinibus) bought. And 3*d.* for 1 bushel of lime bought. In making the windows

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[1] Qu. the huckster-moll letters-patent, see below.

[2] From the position of the abbreviation where the word occurs again, apparently *not* the "form-stones" which play a large part in building accounts, see Willis, *Nomenclature*, Camb. Antiq. Soc. 1844.

[3] See I. p. 297.

[4] A word has been inserted which I cannot read.

[5] Still rich in freestone.

[6] Securis is properly speaking the axe itself.

[7] See glossary of *York Fabric Rolls*, s.v. style, and Stevenson's *Nottingham*, IV. 454.

of the Gildhall 1*s.* 2½*d.* And 6*d.* for making a new bench (formula) standing in the Gildhall. [v°.] In the wages of two wall-builders (murator') making the wall of the garden of the Moothall (de le Mothall) for 3½ days 1*s.* 7*d.*, taking by day 3½*d.* And in the stipend of two wall-builders for 1½ days 1*s.* And in straw bought for the same on one occasion 1*s.* And in straw and water for the same another time, 4*d.* In mending the ways of the town ditch 1*s.* 2½*d.*—Total £5. 12*s.* 4½*d.* And 3*s.* 6*d.* not allowed for paying the carpenters.

Allowances. (Usual fees.) He claimed allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* paid to the clerks of the church of St Martin ringing prime daily (pulsant' primam diebus) by assent of the community. He claims allowance of 1*s.* allowed to John of Scraptoft and John Dekene collectors of the lord King's tenth this year for they were charged therewith for the Bishop's Fee.—Total £3. 11*s.* 4½*d.*

Sum total of charges and payments £81. 3*s.* 9*d.* And so there are owing to the Mayor for the first year counted by him £3. 17*s.* 2¼*d.*

[1352–3.] Account of Will. the Goldsmith for the second year of his mayoralty (29 Sep., 26 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 27 Ed. III.).

He answers for £27. 3*s.* 9*d.* received for a certain tallage assessed at Easter (27 Ed. III.) for the lord King's tenth of 40 marks. And for £3 received from old tallages. And £5. 19*s.* 6*d.* received from surpluses (excessibus). And for 7*s.* received from John of Tirlington for felling of trees (cadicione arborum) on the town-ditch. And for 1*s.* 3*d.* received from the tavern late John of Knightcote mercer's at the South Gate, because it was in arrears for 5 years and the yearly rent 3*d.* And for 5*s.* received of the rent of the East Gate. And £3. 6*s.* 6*d.* of surplus (excess').—Total £40. 3*s.*[1]

(Gild entries this year 13*s.* 4*d.*) Sum total of receipt £40. 16*s.* 4*d.*

Of which he accounts 40 marks paid for the tenth of the lord King that year.—Total £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Presents. And he accounts £2. 14*s.* 7*d.* in a present sent to the Countess of Lancaster, as appears by particulars, at the Abbey. And 8*d.* in one gallon of wine sent to John de Freland Steward at the house of St John for seeing the lord Duke's licence for Cannemol sworn (jur'). (Wine) spent on the officials of the lord Duke when they started at Rothwell near Pontefract; 3*s.* 4*d* in Rhenish wine (vino Rynisch) given to the new Steward of the lord Duke in the place of Sir Hugh of Berwick and to the auditors of the said lord sitting at the Castle on Monday next after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr (wine).—Total £2. 18*s.* 7*d.*

Dinners. (To John de Freland Steward and the Duke's officials. Hose for officials.) And 8*s.* 4*d.* in 10 gallons of wine spent on the burgesses going to meet the lord at Loughborough. (Wine) for the King's clerks bearing the commission for having men to bring the King's money to London.—Total of the dinner £1. 15*s.* 1*d.*

He accounts £3 in the expenses of the said William, Mayor, Will. Wareyn, Ric. of Beeby and Will. Goldsmith junior with two grooms going with him and with 5 horses to London in the business of the Jurats against the lord Duke for releasing (expediend') Cannemol and staying there for 12 days.—Total £3.

Gifts to the messengers of the King and Duke. (To John of Paris from the King's chamber, to a servant of the Abbot of Leicester bearing letters of the good expedition of the lord Duke at Paris[2], to a Welsh runner of the lord Duke bearing news of the lord's coming to Calais[3]. And to two messengers of the lord King

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[1] For £40. 3*s.* 3*d.*

[2] At Christmas, 1352.

[3] On his way to Guisnes.

bearing the lord King's writ to proclaim the Staple in England. And to other messengers bearing the writ for a parliament to be held at London on Monday next after the feast of St Matthew the Apostle in the said year[1]. And 1 noble (nobil') of half a mark given to Derby Herald[2] coming with Simon Symeon[3] from the Holy Land.—Total 15*s.* 6*d.*

Fees and Allowances. (Usual fees.) He claims allowance of 1*s.* paid to his clerk for his labour serving inquests before the Justice of the Peace then sitting at various times when inquest was ordered. Given to John de Freland Steward for having his aid for the community, 2 marks in that year. (And to Ric. of Beeby.) And £3. 12*s.* paid to John Martyn and John de Hodynges going to the parliament held at London on Monday next after the feast of St Matthew the Apostle in the 27th year[4] and staying there for the business of the community for 24 days. He claims allowance of 3*s.* 8*d.* paid to the clerks of St Martin's (as above). And he claims allowance of 2*s.* allowed to Will. Wareyn for his journey to London on the business of the community for making a list (abbreviand') of the Cannemol sworn. And he claims allowance of 6*s.* 8*d.* given to Tho. of the Grove for his aid in levying the surplus. And of 3*s.* 4*d.* to the clerk of the Justices for having the said surplus. And he claims allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* whereof he was charged by Gerard the Currier (le Curreour) for surplus because he left the town. And of 8*d.* pardoned to John Leverich a collector of the lord King's tenth of 1*s.* 11*d.* which he owed. And of 16*s.* 8*d.* of Roger of the Wainhouse for the said condonation of 31*s.* 8*d.* And £2 paid to the Justices of the lord King for surplus.—Total £12. 6*s.* without Roger of the Wainhouse.

Total of charges and payments £48. 3*s.*[5]

Auditors of the account of Will. the Goldsmith made on Thursday next after the feast of St Katherine the Virgin (27 Ed. III.) viz. Roger of Knightcote then Mayor, John Martyn, Geoff. of Kent, Roger of Belgrave, clerk, Jurats, Rob. of Coventry, Will. of Ashby, Nic. Hendeman, Walt. of Lindrick and Will. Brid for the community. And so they owe the said Mayor for one year accounted, £11. 3*s.* 10¾*d.*

LII. *Letter of acquittance for Queen's Gold.*

Box 16, No. 97. [Ap. 13, 1352.] Pateat universis per presentes me Gilbertum Chasteleyn vicecomitem Leycestrie recepisse de balliuis et hominibus ville Leycestrie per manus Willelmi Goldsmyth Maioris ville Leycestrie quatuor marcas ad opus domine Philippe Regine Anglie

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Be it known to all by these presents that I Gilbert Chasteleyn sheriff of Leicester have received from the bailiffs and men of the town of Leicester by the hands of William Goldsmith Mayor of the town of Leicester four marks for the use of the lady Philippa Queen of England of her gold of a certain

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[1] Sep. 23, 1353.

[2] Not in Noble's or Weever's lists.

[3] ? The famous Franciscan traveller, whose itinerary of a journey to the Holy Land on which he started 1322 has been printed by Nasmith in William of Worcester's *Itinerary*. One Simon Simeon was the Duke of Lancaster's Steward of Lincoln in 1361, see below.

[4] Sep. 23—Oct. 12, 1353.

[5] Not correct.

de auro suo de quodam fine facto XL marcarum pro exoneracione hobellariorum et sagittariorum habenda anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum nono: De quibus vero quatuor marcis fateor me ad opus predicte Regine esse pacatum et predictos balliuos et homines ville Leycestrie erga dictam dominam Reginam inde acquietari[1] per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium huic littere acquietancie sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Leycestriam die veneris in septimana Pasche a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum vicesimo sexto.

[Seal: qu. a tower with turret both embattled. Legend: S. AN. Very imperfect. Form: circular. Size: 30 mm. Wax: brown.]

LIII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 44. [1351–2.] (Roll of the Gild Merchant in the time of Will. the Goldsmith, Mayor, 29 Sep., 25 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 26 Ed. III.) Entries:—

*Will. de Horton de Knapetoft barker', *Will. de Thorneton carnifex, *Joh. de Hatherne, *Will. de Halughton ropere, *Will. Godfelaw coruiser, *Hen. Crowe de Lycchefeld garlekmonger', *Ric. de Drax mercer, *Rog. de Sytheston mercer, *Gilb. de Segraue draper, *Hen. de Enderdeby, *Will. Munde de Aylleston mercer, *Adam de Cokerham sclater', *Ric. de Asschedun tayllour, *Joh. de Hardeshull jueler, *Hen. de Derby taillour, *Brucius le Cotiler de Halughton, *Sim. de Kerby sutor, *Rog. de Houghton de Belgrave clericus (pardoned), *Joh. de Litherpol coteler, *Ric. de Bodenhale baxtere, *Joh. de Lobesthorp walker, *Rob. de Rammeseye cocus, *Will. de Kerby sherman, *Ric. Atte Halle de Kerby, *Will. Bron sutor, *Joh. de Stretton cocus, Rob. fil. Roberti clerici (s.p.), *Will. de Quenyburgh sutor, *Adam de Outheby, Joh. de Leyke coupere.

[Jan. 19, 1352.] Ordinatum fuit ad le morwenspeche tentum in aula gilde Leycestrie die veneris proxima ante festum S. Vincencii

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fine of 40 marks made for having exoneration of hobelers and archers in the ninth year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest; for which four marks I acknowledge myself to be paid for the use of the aforesaid Queen and the aforesaid bailiffs and the men of the town of Leicester to be acquitted thereof against the said lady Queen by these presents. In witness whereof I have put my seal to this letter of acquittance. Dated at Leicester on Friday in Easter Week in the 26th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

It was ordained at the Morningspeech held in the Gildhall of Leicester on Friday next before the feast of St Vincent the Martyr 25 Ed. III. by Will.

[1] MS. *acquietare.*

martiris a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum vicesimo quinto per Willelmum le Goldsmyth Maiorem Leycestrie, Johannem Hayward receptorem, Galfridum de Kent, Robertum Porter, Ric. Norman, Will. de Dunstaple, Joh. Kelyng, Joh. de Petlyng, Tho. de Beby Juratos et alios probos et legales homines de communitate quod quodlibet animal quod potuit inveniri †euntem† in croftis infra villam Leycestrie uel [in] suburbiis caperetur et duceretur ad aulam gilde et ab inde non deliberentur quousque soluerent pro quolibet capite quatuor denarios, quilibet pes 1*d.* ad emendacionem pontium, viarum, portarum et aliorum nec[essariorum] pro communi vtilitate ville.

[Mar. 2, 1352.] Die veneris in festo S. Cedde episcopi a.r.r. (etc.) vicesimo sexto ad le morewenspeche tentum in aula gilde Leycestrie, Rob. de Couentria de Leycestria mercer acculpatus fuit coram Willelmo le Goldsmyth tunc Maiore Leycestrie, Thoma de le Groue balliuo, Johanne Hayward receptore, Galf. de Kent, Rob. Porter, Joh. Leverych, Will. Wareyn, Ric. Norman, Will. de Dunstaple, Will. de Wakefeld, Rog. de Knyghtecote, Joh. Coco, Joh. Kelyng, Ric. de Stafford coco, Rog. del Waynhous, Tho. de Beby, Joh. de Louseby, Tho. Wyngere, Ric. —, Joh. de Petlyng, Joh. de Hodyngs, Will. de Sytheston, Joh. Martyn, Will. Tubbe, eo quod summonitus fuit ad aulam gilde precepto predicti Maioris et iuratorum per Willelmum Aldyth seruientem [predictorum?][1] Maioris, Juratorum et communitatis et noluit se indignari venire propter summonicionem: ideo ordinatum [fuit per] eos quod amitteret gildam suam. Super hoc

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the Goldsmith, the Mayor of Leicester, John Hayward, the receiver, (7 named above) Jurats and other honest and legal men of the community, that every beast that might be found going in the crofts within the town of Leicester or in the suburbs should be taken and brought to the hall of the Gild and not delivered thence until they paid for every head 4*d.*, each foot 1*d.*, for the mending of bridges, ways, gates, and other necessaries for the common utility of the town.

On Friday the feast of St Chad the bishop 26 Ed. III. at the Morning-speech held in the Gildhall of Leicester Rob. of Coventry of Leicester mercer was accused before Will. the Goldsmith then Mayor of Leicester, Tho. of the Grove bailiff, John Hayward receiver, (and 21 named above) because he was summoned to the Gildhall by the order of the said Mayor and Jurats by Will. Aldith serjeant of the Mayor, Jurats and community aforesaid, and would not deign to come in answer to the summons; therefore it was ordained by them that he forfeit his gild. Hereupon the said Rob. waged

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[1] Illegible. The roll is torn at the edges.

dictus Rob. vadiauit centum solidos pro transgressione [sua], qui ponuntur in respectu secundum gerionem suam excepta dimidia marca †quod† dabit pro securitate per plegiagium Johannis de Tirlyngton et Nicholai Hendeman.

[Feb. 23. 1352.] Memorandum quod die veneris proxima post festum S. Petri in Cathedra a.r.r. (etc.) vicesimo sexto Joh. de Norton de Leycestria, frater et heres Roberti de Norton de Leycestria, dedit, concessit et †presente† carta sua confirmauit magistro Johanni de †Beluero† clerico, heredibus et assignatis suis, illud mesuagium cum pertinenciis suis in parochia S. Martini Leycestrie quod situm est super cornerium in venella que ducit de porta orientali usque ad ecclesiam S. Martini predictam, inter tenementum Johannis Leuerych ex parte vna et tenementum eiusdem Magistri Johannis ex altera, ut testatur per Willelmum le Goldsmyth tunc Maiorem Leycestrie, magistrum Johannem..., Rogerum de le Waynhous. Johannem Kelyng, Thomam Wynger, et alios qui fuerunt ad seissinam...Johannes de Norton tactis sacrosanctis ewangeliis iurauit quod fuit plene etatis [et iurauit quod de]cetero aliquod ius uel clameum in predicto mesuagio cum pertinenciis suis nunquam exigeret in futuro vel [exigi faceret]: pro irrotulacione cuius carte dictus magister Johannes de Beluero soluit xl*d.* communitati; receptos per manum Willelmi [le Goldsmith ?].

[v°.] [1352–3.] (Roll of the Gild of Merchants in the time of

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£5 for his trespass, which are put in respite according to his conduct, except 6*s.* 8*d.* which he shall give for security by the pledging of John of Tur Langton and Nic. Hendeman.

Note that on Friday next after the feast of St Peter in the Chair 26 Ed. III., John of Norton of Leicester, brother and heir of Robert of Norton of Leicester, gave, granted and by his present charter confirmed to Master John of Belvoir clerk, his heirs and assigns, the messuage with its appurtenances in the parish of St Martin of Leicester which is situated on the corner in the lane which leads from the East Gate to the church of St Martin aforesaid, between the tenement of John Leverich on the one part and the tenement of the said Master John on the other, as is witnessed by Will. the Goldsmith then Mayor of Leicester, Master John..., Roger of the Wainhouse, John Keling, Tho. Winger, and others who were at the seisin...John of Norton with his hand on the holy Gospels swore that he was of full age and swore that henceforth he would never exact or cause to be exacted any right or claim in the aforesaid messuage and its appurtenances: for the enrolment of this charter the said Master John of Belvoir paid 3*s.* 4*d.* to the community; received by the hand of Will. [the Goldsmith ?].

Will. Goldsmith Mayor of the town for his second year 29 Sep. 26 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 27 Ed. III.) Entries:—

*Joh. Ikeryng, *Rob. le Peyntour de Leycestria.

[Oct. 12, 1352.] Consideratum fuit in aula gilde die veneris proxima post festum S. Dionisii a.r.r. Edwardi (xxvi) per Willelmum Goldsmyth Maiorem, Thomam de le Groue balliuum, Will. de Dunstaple, ... Galf. de Kent, Ric. Norman, Rog. de Knyghtecote, Will. de Wakefeld, [Rog. de le] Waynhous, Joh. de Petlyng, Joh. Kelyng, Tho. Wyngere, Will. de Sith[eston], [Johannem] Cocum, Will. Tubbe, Will. de le Waynhous et Ricardum Cocum juratos, quod nullus tabernarius vendens vinum nec aliquis alius extraneus ferens vinum Leycestrie vendendum per for' .....[1] suum quousque videatur per Maiorem et balliuum et alios probos homines electos et iustum precium super ponatur [et] hoc sub pena amissionis gilde cuiuslibet tabernarii ville.

[Dec. 19, 1352.] In morwenspeche tento ad aulam gilde die mercurii proxima ante festum S. Thome apostoli a.r.r. (etc.) xxvi^to^ coram Willelmo le Goldsmyth tunc Maiore Leycestrie, Thoma de le Groue balliuo, Joh. Hayward receptore, Joh. Martyn (and 19 more) Juratis, Hugo de Lyle acculpatus fuit quod †transgrederet† Maiori et vadiauit (etc.).

[Feb. 14, 1353.] Pateat vniuersis per presentes quod nos Simon de Keggeworth et Amicia vxor mea remisimus, relaxauimus et omnino quiete clamauimus magistro Johanni de Elmesale omnimodas

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It was decided in the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of St Denys 26 Ed. III. by Will. Goldsmith the Mayor, Tho. of the Grove bailiff, (and others named above) Jurats, that no taverner selling wine nor any other stranger carrying wine to Leicester to be sold by.....until it be seen by the Mayor and bailiff and other honest men elected and a just price be put upon it, and this under pain of forfeiture of the Gild of any taverner of the town.

In Morningspeech held at the Gildhall on Wednesday next before the feast of St Thomas the Apostle 26 Ed. III. before Will. the Goldsmith then Mayor of Leicester, Tho. of the Grove bailiff, John Hayward receiver (and 20 others) Jurats, Hugh of Lille was accused that he transgressed against the Mayor and he waged (etc.).

Be it known to all by these presents that we Simon of Kegworth and Amicia my wife have remitted, released and entirely quitclaimed to Master John of Elmsall all manner of actions, plaints and demands as well real as

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[1] Torn away.

acciones, querelas et demandas tam reales quam personales quas habemus uel aliquo modo habere poterimus versus prefatum Johannem a principio mundi vsque diem confeccionis presentium, racione alicuius breuis attincte[1] seu quouis alio modo: Ita quod nec nos dictus Simon nec Amicia, nec aliquis alius per nos seu nomine nostro aliquod ius vel clamium uersus prefatum Johannem decetero exigere vel [exigi facere] poterimus, set imperpetuum simus exclusi per presentes. In cuius rei testimonium huic littere acquietancie sigillum [nostrum] apposuimus. Datum London' xiiii die Februarii a.r.r. (etc.) vicesimo septimo et regni sui Francie quarto decimo.

Ista acquietancia irrotulata fuit per tempus Willelmi le Goldsmith Maioris tunc Leycestrie die Lune proxima post festum S. Cedde episcopi a.r.r. Edwardi † secundo[2] †.

LIV. *Ordinances.*

V.B. No. 38. [Sep. 6, 1352.] Les ordeine[me]ntz fetes a Leycestre le Jeodi procheyn avaunt la Natiuite de nostre Dame lan xxvi par le Counsail del Seygnour dun part & le Meir & le bone gentz de la vile dautre part.

De mesfesours qe ne se voillent mie estre atache en bone manere

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personal which we have or in any way may have against the said John, from the beginning of the world till the day of the making of these presents, by reason of any writ of attaint or in any other way: so that neither we the said Simon nor Amicia nor any other by us or in our name may henceforth exact or cause to be exacted any right or claim against the said John, but we shall be for ever excluded by these presents. In witness whereof we have put our seal to this letter of acquittance. Dated at London 14 Feb. 27 Ed. III. and the 14th year of his reign of France.

This acquittance was enrolled in the time of Will. the Goldsmith then Mayor of Leicester on Monday next after the feast of St Chad the bishop in the reign of Edward...the second (of his mayoralty).

The ordinances made at Leicester the Thursday next before the Nativity of our Lady, the 26th year, by the counsel of the lord on the one part and the Mayor and the good people of the town on the other part.

Of malefactors who will not allow themselves to be attached in good manner to the peace, it is ordained that the hue and cry be raised on them

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[1] See above p. 77.

[2] The second year of Goldsmith's mayoralty.

a la pes, [1]est ordene qe la mene seit leue sus eaus et quil seient pris par poer e mys en garde tant quil se vodrount iustiser solon la ley.

De taillages e cuilettes qe ount auant ces houres este mys a la vile par la comunaute et qe ne sount pas de tut leues, est ordene qe ceo qe est arere soit en haste leue e mis en le oueraigne ou autres choses necessaries de la vile et qe le taillage qe est ore mys en la vile al ayde seit puis leue e mys, cest a sauer taunt comme il est mestre e le remenaunt soit sauue.

Il est ausint ordeyne qe quant nul taillage deyt estre mys en la vile ou nul culette fete, quil seient mys en ceste forme, cest assauer qe deuant tote la comunaute seient [elleus] par les plus riches †de eus† illoekes de eaus meimes qe plus leaumentes vodront asser teles taillages et cuilettes, et de meins riches qe sont ausint come mieus seient auxi [deux] de eaux [elleus] illoekes par eus meymes. Et de plus poueres ausint seient †de eus† elleus en mesme la manere, et qe ceaus sis seient bien charges par serement de leaumentes asser chescun home a son afferaunt solom son estat; et qe chescun paye bonement saunz destresce son afferaunt. Et si nul seit qe ne vodra mye payer tant qe il le couendra leuer de luy par destresce qe le double soyt leue de luy.

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and that they be taken by force and put in ward until they will submit themselves to justice according to the law.

Of tallages and collections which before this time have been put on the town by the commonalty and which are not levied entirely, it is ordained that that which is in arrears shall be quickly levied and put in the works[2] with other things necessary for the town, and that the tallage, which is now put on the town for the aid, shall be afterwards levied and charged, that is to say for as much as is necessary and the surplus shall be saved.

It is also ordained that when any tallage ought to be put on the town or any collection made, that it shall be put in this form, that is to say that before all the commonalty there shall be chosen by the richest there two of themselves who will most loyally assess such tallages and collections, and of the less rich, but who are also of the better sort, there shall also be chosen there two of them by themselves. And of the poorer sort also there shall be two chosen in the same way, and these six shall be well charged by oath to loyally assess each man at his affeering according to his estate, and each shall pay his affeering properly without distress. And if there be any who will not pay until it become necessary to levy it from him by distress, then double [the amount] shall be levied from him.

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[1] The V. B. makes a paragraph here.

[2] See Kelham's *Dictionary*, al overeigne, p. 171.

Et pur ceo qe les pesturs cleyment pur vsages qe a la primere defaute qe soit troue sus eaus qe il seyent amercies a xvi deners, a lautre defaute a xxxii*d.*, a la terce defaute a v*s.* iiii*d.*, a la quarte defaute qe il seient mis a Jewyse ou qe il payent xl*s.*, et auant ces houres vnt les seneschals relesse a ascunes pestours partie de cel rauncion, si est ordene qe puis ceo qe il le cleyment de vsage, e home ne poet mye de ceo encrestre sus les pestours qe sunt riches, qe home ne relesse rien de ce a ceaus qe sount meins riches.

Du payn qe est pris pur assaer le peys quil seit pese mesme le iour ou lendemeyn a plus tard, issi quil ne seche mye trop en la garde de baylifs.

De mouners et de la ferine quil pernent de pestours outre la tounne etc.

Et pur ceo qe ascunes deiuent rentes e autres deners al seignour ou a la dame [et] ne ount pas biens par quey il poent estre destreyns dehors mesoun, e si il eyent perauenture vne beste ou deus, si les fount clore denz mesoun de south lok, issint qe les baylifs ne poient auenir, e ascunes sont qe cleyment quil ne deiuent mye estre destreins al molyn ne al fourn, e ne ount autre chose par quey il poent estre destreinz si non par lour farine en le molyn ou par lour payn, et pur

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And whereas the bakers claim as customary that at the first default that is found against them, they shall be amerced at 1*s.* 4*d.*, at the second default at 2*s.* 8*d.*, at the third default at 5*s.* 4*d.*, at the fourth that they shall be put in the pillory[1] or pay 40*s.*, and before this time the Stewards have released to some of the bakers a part of this ransom, therefore it is ordained that since they claim it as customary, and no increase can be charged on the bakers who are rich, no remission shall be allowed in this matter to those who are less rich.

Concerning bread which is taken to assay the weight, it shall be weighed the same day or the next at latest, so that it may not dry up too much in the keeping of the bailiffs.

Concerning millers and the flour which they take from bakers besides the toll etc.[2]

And whereas some persons owe rents and other pence to the lord or to the lady [and] have not goods by which they can be distrained outside their houses, and if they have peradventure a beast or two, they arrange to shut them up in the house under lock, so that the bailiffs cannot come, and some there are who claim that they ought not to be distrained at the mill or the oven, and have no other thing by which they can be distrained except their flour in the mill, or their bread, and therefore cause their flour to be carried away

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[1] Literally "judgment," here the punishment prescribed by the judgment.

[2] The sequel is not given in the original.

ceo fount porter nutaundre lour farine du molyn al fourn, issint qe le seignour ou la dame est delaye des deners qe dues ly sont: Si est ordeyne qe les baylifs, prise bone temoignaunce de gentz de la vile, facent destreindre touz ceaux qe deners deyuent al seignour ou a la dame ausi biens dedeinz mesoun cum de hors, auxi bien en le molyn e au fourn cum aillours, la ou il ne ount mie biens par quels il poent †est† aillurs destreintz.

De ceus qe ne voillent mie venir al portmanmot ne ailours as assembles de la vile al maundement del Mere al comun pru de la vile, est ordene qe celui qe serra garni de venir et ne vodra mye venir, qe a la primere defaute soit amercie a ii*s.*, a la secunde defaute a iiii*s.*, a la terce defaute a viii*s.*, e issint a chescun defaute apres autre soient les amercimenz doubles, taunt quil vigne e se vodra iustiser; e ceus amercimenz soient leuez al oes [de][1] la comunaute etc.

Il est ausint ordeine e comaunde qe quant marchaunz menent a la vile pessoun et autres viaundes pur vendre qe le Mere ne bailyfs ne nul autre preignent de lour merz pur nul custoume qe il eyent auant vse; ne ne soeffrent qe nul de la vile vende leur peisoun ne lour autres biens countre leur gre, mes qe home le soeffre bonementes venir & aler e vendre leur biens a lur volente saue qe il paient lour toune auxi comme il deiuent faire de dreit.

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at night from the mill to the oven, so that the lord or the lady is delayed of the pence which are due to him or her: Therefore it is ordained that the bailiffs, having taken good witness of the people of the town, shall cause all those to be distrained who owe pence to the lord or to the lady, as well within houses as without, as well in the mill and at the oven as elsewhere, when they have not any goods by which they can be distrained elsewhere.

Concerning those who will not come to the Portmanmoot or elsewhere to the assemblies of the town at the order of the Mayor for the common profit of the town, it is ordained that he who shall be warned to come and will not come, at the first default shall be amerced at 2*s.*, at the second default at 4*s.*, at the third default at 8*s.*, and so at one default after another the amercements shall be doubled until he comes and will justify himself; and these amercements shall be levied for the use of the community etc.

It is also ordained and commanded that when merchants bring fish and other viands to the town for sale, neither the Mayor, bailiffs nor any other shall take any of their merchandise by any custom which they have formerly used, nor shall they suffer any of the town to sell their fish or their other goods against their will, but that they shall be allowed freely to come and go and sell their goods at their pleasure, provided that they pay their toll as ought rightly to be done.

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LV. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 163. (Weighing of bread Oct. 19, 1352, before Will. the Goldsmith Mayor, Tho. de le Grove then bailiff, 2 Jurors named, 2 bakers named, who say on their oath that the quarter of best wheat is worth for the two days last past 8*s.* 6*d.*, of medium 8*s.*, of the worst 7*s.* 6*d.*[1] The charges of short weight include among the kinds of bread 'treit,' mixed grain (de omni blado) and 'cribel'[2].' Dec. 8, the prices fell 6*d.*, again Jan. 13, 1*s.*, and in Feb. 6*d.*, Apr. 4, 6*d.*, June 28, 1*s.*; Aug. 1, a rise of 6*d.* and at Michaelmas 1353, prices stood at 4*s.*, 3*s.* 6*d.*, and 3*s.*)

LVI. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 101. [1353.] (Tallage of the tenth and fifteenth assessed for the lord King at Easter 27 Ed. III. by oath of 4 Jurats and 10 named. Forty marks. South Quarter only.)

LVII. *Release of Huckstermoll.*

Box 10, No. 211. [July 22, 1353.] A touz ceux qi cestes lettres verront ou orront Henri Duc de Lancastre, Counte de Derby, de Nicole & de Leycestre, Seneschal Dengleterre saluz en Dieu. Pur ceo qe nous sumes duement enfourmez qe vne custume qe homme appelle *Hucstermoll* qad este pris de noz pouers tenantz regraters de nostre ville de Leycestre si comencea primierement ore tard en temps nostre tres cher seignour le Counte Esmon nostre ayel, qi dieux assoile, par coueytise de fermers qadonques auoient la dite ville de Leycestre a ferme et depuis encea ad este continue nient droiturelement encontre ley & la pleysance de dieux: Pur quoi nous desirrantz sur toutes choses saluacion des almes de noz auncestres & la nostre,

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To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester and Steward of England, greeting in God. Whereas we are duly informed that a custom which is called Huckstermoll, which has been taken from our poor tenants the regraters of our town of Leicester, first began of late in the time of our well-beloved lord Earl Edmund our grandfather, whom God assoil, by greed of the farmers who then had the said town of Leicester at farm, and has been continued from that time until now unjustly against the law and against God's pleasure: Wherefore we, desiring above all things the salvation of the souls of our ancestors and of

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[1] High prices, 4*s.* being a normal price for the medium wheat. Cf. Thorold Rogers, *Prices*, I. 209.

[2] A coarse meal, N. E. D.

auons relesse en oeure de charite pour nous et pour noz heirs et de tout quitclame a touz iours la dite custume appelle *Hucstermoll*, issint qe mees ne soit pris ne leue en nostre dite ville de Leycestre, sauuant toutesfoitz a nous et a noz heirs due punissement dassise de payn et de ceruoyse enfreint, de keury[1] & de faux poys et de toutes altres trespas punisables par la ley commune ou par ley especial. En tesmoignance de quele chose a cestes noz lettres patentes auons fait mettre nostre seal. Donc a Leycestre le lundy en la feste de la Maugdeleyne lan du regne nostre seigneur le Roi Edward tierz puis la conquest vint et septisme.

[Seal: on a shield three lions passant gardant for ENGLAND. Over all on a label of three points nine fleurs-de-lis, three, three and three for FRANCE. *Crest*, qu. a lion statant (imperfect)? on a chapeau. Form: oval. Wax: red. Size: about 36 × 25 mm.]

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ourself, have released, as a work of charity, for us and for our heirs and entirely quitclaimed for ever the said custom called Huckstermoll, so that it shall be no more taken or levied in our said town of Leicester, saving always to us and to our heirs due punishment of breaches of the assize of bread and of beer, covery (?)[1] and false weight and all other trespasses punishable by the common law or by special law. In witness whereof to these our letters patent we have caused our seal to be set. Given at Leicester on Monday the feast of the Magdalen (July 22), the twenty-seventh year of the reign of our lord the King Edward the third after the Conquest.

LVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 129 (1). [1353–4.] Account of Roger of Knightcote of Leicester for the time of his mayoralty (29 Sep. 27 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 28 Ed. III.).

Receipts. He answers for £4. 6*s.* received from divers persons entering the gild this year as appears by headings. And for £17*s.* 4*s.* 9*d.* received of a certain tallage assessed for the fine made with the Clerk of the Market and for his expenses and for other debts which are owed by the community as appears by small parcels. And for £28. 9*s.* 3*d.* received of a certain tallage for the tenth of the lord King assessed in this year. And for 1*s.* received for a room over the East Gate built by Peter the Saddler (sellar'). And for 3*d.* (John of Knightcote's rent[2]). And for 15*s.* received of Will. of Syston due on a certain tallage in the time of Will. Boner.

Sum total of receipt £50. 16*s.* 3*d.*

Tenth of the lord King. Of which he accounts £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* paid for the tenth of the lord King. And 6*d.* for having two acquittances of the said tenth of the lord King.—£26. 13*s.* 10*d.*

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[1] Probably not cookery which would be kuery, but covery in the sense of covering one's goods under another's name to escape fines, dues etc. [2] See above p. 67.

Sum of Fees and Expenses of the lord King's Marshal. He accounts £6. 6*s.* 3*d.* in the fine made for the Marshal and the fee of the Marshal, the clerk and others of their servants.

And he accounts £2. 8*s.* 7¾*d.* in other small expenses spent on the same as appears by parcels.—£8. 14*s.* 10¾*d.*

Expenses. He accounts £1. 15*s.* 5½*d.* spent for feasting Walter de Berugh[1] and Laur. of Coleshill, Receiver of the lord Duke, and another auditor with 12 of his household at dinner (ad comestum) and at supper by assent and advice of John Martyn, Will. of Dunstable, Tho. of Beeby, Jurats, Rob. of Coventry, and John of Scraptoft chosen by the community on Wednesday [Nov. 27] next before the feast of St Andrew. And in 1 quarter of oats sent to the said Steward and auditors at the Castle at that time.—Total £1. 15*s.* 5½*d.*

Fees paid and expenses. And he accounts £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to the Steward for his fee. And £1 to Ric. of Beeby for his fee. Paid to Ric. of Mardfield clerk of the Justices for a copy of the surplus (excess') 1*s.* And he accounts 1*s.* 11½*d.* in the expenses of Adam of Derby going to London in the company of the said Mayor by view of Tho. of Beeby. And he paid 1*s.* (to a messenger). And he paid 1*s.* to two treasurers of the Exchequer...(other messengers).—£2. 12*s.* 7½*d.*

Present sent. And sent to John de Freland (wine). And to Rob. de la Mare (wine) spent on the lord's men. To Walt. de Bergh and his fellow auditors of the lord Duke 3 gallons of Rhenish wine (vini Rynei) price 2*s.* 6*d.* And he accounts 6*s.* 8*d.* in the expenses of John of Knighton Steward, John of the Pantry, John of Cardiff, John of Elmsall and Adam of Derby in Lent.—13*s.* 4*d.*

And he paid to John Martyn and John de Hodynges for their wages going to London £4. 4*s.*

Allowance. He claims allowance for 5*s.* pardoned to Henry of Ratby for his gild because it was testified in the Gildhall that he had nothing after or before his death whereof he could pay. (Also usual fees.) And £5 paid to Will. le Goldsmyth which the community owed him on his account for the time of his mayoralty.—£8. 11*s.* 8*d.*

[v°] [July 10, 1355.] Note that on Friday next after the feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr (29 Ed. III.), Roger of Knightcote of Leicester mercer rendered his account of the time of his mayoralty in the hall of the gild of Leicester, Geoff. of Kent then being Mayor, John Kelyng and Tho. of Beeby Jurats (and 4 named) auditors, John of Bushby serjeant of the Mayor, and Will. Mowbray clerk, hearing the aforesaid account. And so all accounts being counted and allowances allowed, the community of Leicester owe (debent) the said Roger of Knightcote on the said account £2. 10*s.*[2] 6¾*d.*

LIX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 5, No. 129 (2)[3]. [1353-4.] (Roll of Roger of Knightcote[4].) (Gild entries):—*Rog. de Harebergh cordewaner, *Tho. de Brokesby, *Gilb. de Lobesthorp mercer, *Andreas le Glasenwright, *Hen. de Roteby, *Nic. Somer, *Joh. Route, *Ric. de Dersford, *Ric. Herberd de Ernesby, *Joh. de Waynflet, *Joh. Scot, Rog. de Snotyngham[5], *Joh. de Thorneton, taverner.—(Total) £4. 0*s.* 6*d.*

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[1] See below, where it is written de Bergh. [2] For 9*s.* [3] In bad condition.
[4] Date torn away. [5] It is testified that his father was a burgess.

[Sept. 19, 1354.] Memorandum quod ad le morewenspeche tentum die veneris proxima post festum Exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno predicto venit Thomas del Abbeye coram predicto Maiore, Johanne Martyn, Galfrido de Kent, Will. Goldsmyth, Will. de Dunstaple, Ric. Norman, Tho. [Winger], Joh. de Lowesby, Will. de Sitheston, Will. de Wakefeld, Rog. †de† Waynhous, Joh. Kelyng, et Joh. Hodyngs et occasionabatur quare insultum fecit Johanni Martyn et Johanni Hodynges et aliis collectoribus talliagii domini Regis verbis [contu]meliosis eos maledicendo et imponendo eis falso[1] quod venerunt causa eum depredandi vbi venerunt vt ministri domini Regis causa dicti talliagii leuandi contra statum et preceptum domini Regis et sacramentum gilde sue (etc.). (He puts himself in the Mayor and Community's mercy and owes them *6s. 8d.* if he offends again in a like case against his Mayor or any Jurat of the said town or the ministers of the Mayor, on account of his disobedience against his oath.) (Pledges.)

(David the Webster offended in a like manner, and also Will. of Wigston farrier (marchal).)

[v°.] Will. de Cosyngton venit coram predicto Maiore et Juratis infra nominatis et scriptis, ad le morewenspeche predictum, et occasionatus quare vendidit vnum doleum vini carius ultra preceptum et statutum Maioris: qui venit sponte et non potuit dedicere et posuit se in gracia Maioris et concessit se sponte teneri Maiori suo et communitati in xx*s.* solvendis si contingat ipsum iterato delinquere contra preceptum Maioris sui et proclamacionem suam factam.

Note that at the Morningspeech held on Friday next after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the aforesaid year came Thomas of the Abbey before the said Mayor (and 12 named above) and was charged because he assaulted John Martyn and John Hodynges and other collectors of the lord King's tallage with contumelious words, abusing them and charging them falsely that they came in order to rob him whereas they came as ministers of the lord King in order to levy the said tallage, against the state and the order of the lord King and against the oath of his gild.

Will. of Cossington came before the said Mayor and Jurats below (i.e. above) named and written, at the aforesaid Morningspeech, and was charged because he sold a tun of wine dearer than (was allowed by) the order and statute of the Mayor: who came of his own accord, and could not deny and put himself in the Mayor's grace and he granted that he should be bound of his own accord to his Mayor and the community in 20*s.* to be paid if it should happen that he offends again against the order of his Mayor and the proclamation made by him.

[1] Added above the line.

Ordinacio. Hoc idem ordinatur obseruandum pro tempore futuro in perpetuum per predictos Maiorem et Juratos ad predictum morewenspeche quod quicumque tabernator fuerit siue aliquis Juratus siue alius de communitate post proclamacionem factam per Maiorem et Juratos ville fregerit preceptum Maioris vendendo vinum carius contra statutum Maioris pro quolibet dolio quod sic vendiderit teneatur Maiori et communitati in xx*s.* pro inobediencia facta Maiori suo contra sacramentum suum.

Philippus...(torn) ad predictum Morewenspeche venit coram †predictos† Maiore et Juratis et exactus quare dispexit Maiorem suum verbis suis ipsum paruipend[end]o et maledicendo contra sacramentum suum gilde sue (etc.).

Ordinance. This is ordained by the said Mayor and Jurats at the aforesaid Morningspeech, to be for the future for ever observed, that anyone whether he be a taverner or a Jurat or any other of the community, who after the proclamation made by the Mayor and Jurats of the town breaks the order of the Mayor by selling wine too dear against the statute of the Mayor, shall be bound to the Mayor and community in 20*s.* for every tun that he so sells, for the disobedience done to his Mayor against his oath.

Philip...came to the said Morningspeech before the said Mayor and Jurats and was charged because he contemned his Mayor by his words, making light of him and abusing him against his oath of his gild.

LX. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 5, No. 129 (3). [1353–4.] (See LV. Roger of Knightcote Mayor, Tho. del Grove bailiff, Dec. 9, 1353, best wheat 3*s.* 6*d.*, and Jan. 17, 1354; Mar. 28, 4*s.*, Ap. 11, 3*s.* 6*d.*, July 25, 4*s.* The breads named are ryngedbred[1], wastell, cokett, tratellus, marchaund bred.)

LXI. *Tallage Rolls.*

Box 4, No. 103. [Ap. 13, 1354.] Talliagium decime domini Regis ville Leycestrie assessum tempore Rogeri de Knyghtecote tunc Maioris eiusdem ad festum Pasche anno dicti Regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xxviii° per sacramentum Willelmi Goldsmyth, Roberti Porter, Rogeri de Belgraue, Johannis de Lowesby, Juratorum,

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Tallage of a tenth of the lord King assessed on the town of Leicester in the time of Roger of Knightcote then Mayor of the same, at the feast of

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[1] In an Assisa Panis in the Vellum Book trait is glossed *ryngebred.* See *Eng. Hist. Rev.* XIV. 504.

Rogeri de Kilby, Galf. Dyuet, Will. de Ernesby, Will. de Ilueston, Johannis de Knapetoft, Gilberti de Segraue, Johannis de Peyghtelton, et Willelmi de Groby de communitate ad hoc electorum. Summa xl marce.

Quartrona Australis[1].
Rog. de Croxton 4*d.*
Nic. le Dextere 4*d.*
Hen. de Thistelton 4*d.*
Hen. de Sutton 9*d.* †6*d.*+
Will. de Wakefield †6*s.*+ 3*s.*
Will. Geryn 4*d.* †3*d.*+
Tho. de Willeham 1*s.* †6*d.*+
†Joh. le Bakere+ 4*d.*
Ric. Wyngere 6*s.*
Will. Wynger 6*d.*
Rob. de Hatherne mazoun 6*d.*
†Jac. de Wheston+ 3*d.*
Alibi. Rob. le Cartewright 3*d.*
Will. de Barkeby mazoun †1*s.*+ 6*d.*
Rob. le Clerk 4*d.*
Mat. Mazoun 1*s.* 1*d.*
†Joh. de Knyghton+ leger 4*d.*
†Ric. de Knyghton 4*d.*+
Will. Ace werkman 3*d.*
Will. Leget werkman 3*d.*
†Ric. de Braunston cartere 3*d.*+
Tho. Marchal 2*s.* †1*s.* 8*d.*+
Will. de Ernesby 4*s.*
Joh. de Kynthorp 6*d.*
Rob. de Kybworth marchall 3*d.*
†Will. de Flekeneye werkman 4*d.*+
[2]Rad. Fysscher 6*d.*
Hen. de Brackeleye 6*d.*
Will. de Malteby †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Hen. de Burstall 8*d.*
Editha Hunte 1*s.* 6*d.* †1*s.*+
†Johanna+ Agnes Poleyn 4*d.*
Tho. Daubeneye 3*d.*
Ric. Rabel 3*d.*
[2]Rob. de Kybbeworth coruiser 3*d.*
Alicia de Knyghton †2*s.*+ 1*s.*
Ric. de la Warderobe 6*d.*
†Galf. de Flekeneye+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
Will. Palmere †3*d.*+ } 6*d.*
Ric. de Hilton †3*d.*+ }
Will. Munde de Ayleston 1*s.*
Will. de la Chaumbre 3*s.*
Dauid le Webstere 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Sim. de Cuntasthorp 3*d.*
[2]Will. de Foston 3*d.*
Ric. Norman 3*s.*
Joh. le Taillour de Plumtre 3*d.*
[2]Rog. le Sawer
†Hen. de Endreby+ 4*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.* 6*d.*+
Forum Sabbati. Hen. Dyuet de Flekeneye 3*d.*
Ric. de Elme 6*d.*
Johanna de Ernesby 3*d.*
†Will. le Dextere 1*s.*+
[2]Adam Ferour 4*d.*
†Rog. le Plumer 10*d.*+
Will. de le Peek 4*d.*
Joh. Wyth ye berd 3*d.*
†Joh. Dance 3*d.*+
Ric. le Sutton †2*s.*+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
Rog. le Fisscher 2*s.* †1*s.*+
Joh de Lithirpoll 6*d.* † 1*s.*+
†Rad. Taillour 6*d.*+
Joh. de Tyberton 6*d.*
Rob. de Wylugby †10*s.*+ 6*s.* 8*d.*
Omnium Sanctorum. Tho. del Abbeye †1*s.*+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
Tho. de Brokesby †2*s.*+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
Joh. Martyn 3*s.*
Joh. de Sybessdon †2*s.*+ 6*d.*
Hen. de Ayleston 7*d.*
†Joh. de Qwenyngburgh 6*d.*+
Ric. Swetmilk †1*s.*+ 6*d.*
†Rob. Prest irnemongere 1*s.* 6*d.*+
Ric. de Lynne 1*s.*

Easter 28 Ed. III. by the oath of (4 named) Jurats, (8 named) of the community chosen for this. Total 40 marks.

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[1] The margin into which the second set of figures has been inserted has been much erased. This roll is given in full as being the first after the Black Death.

[2] Added subsequently.

†Joh. de Kirkeby shether 3*d.*+
Joh. de Belton taillour †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 1*s.*
[1]Joh. Fode 5*s.*
Nic. Somer 6*d.*
Phil. Dun †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 2*s.*
Rog. de Kilby 3*s.*
Will. de Rersby 2*s.* †6*d.* 1*s.* 6*d.*+
†Joh. de Foston fissher 2*s.* 1*s.*+
Will. de Assheby 10*s.*
†Joh. de Foston mercer 3*d.*+
†Phil. Prenty 6*d.*+
Will. de Humbreston 3*s.* 4*d.*
†Will. Watreman 3*d.*+
†Uxor quondam Johannis Kyng swon 3*d.*+
†Will. Bacoun 3*d.*+
Will. de Thurmaston 6*d.*
Joh. de Derby 2*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
[1]Ric. le Spicer 6*d.*
Joh. Grom sadeler 1*s.*
[1]Munde le Shether 3*d.*
Rog. Sporeour 2*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
[1]Joh. de Dyuelin[2] 4*d.*
Will. de Huntyngdon 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Joh. Eliot barbour 4*d.*
Ric. le Littele 1*s.* 6*d.* †2*s.*+
Rob. de Lychefeld †9*d.*+ 1*s.*
†Joh. de Mountsorell 1*s.*+ 2*s.*
Tho. de Okele 3*d.*
Rad. Milner †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Joh. Joye 4*s.* 6*d.*
Hugo de Lichefeld 3*d.*
Joh. le Flecher 3*d.*
Venella Martini[3]. Joh. Hostiler 3*d.*
Joh. de Hodynges 6*d.*
[1]Ric. Herbert
†Margeria Cook 3*s.*+ 10*s.*
Rog. Curreour 2*s.* †1*s.*+
[1]Tho. Gounfrey 6*d.*
Joh. de Thurmaston 1*s.* †6*d.*+
†Hen. Wakke 10*d.* 6*d.*+
Will. de Thorneton 1*s.* 6*d.*
Joh. de Misterton 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Will. Waryn 6*s.* 8*d.* †10*s.* 5*s.*+
Hugo de Braunston †2*s.*+ 1*s.*
Ric. de Bedenhale 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Phil. Dyne dextere 1*s.*
Will. de Bochaston 1*s.* 6*d.* †9*d.* 1*s.*+
Hen. Watreman †4*d.*+ 6*d.*
†Rob. Bondesmyth 3*d.*+
Rob. le Marchal 4*d.*
†Elena Lauener 3*d.*+
Ric. de Blaby 3*d.*
Joh. de Stretton †9*d.*+ 6*d.*
Galf. le Sawyer 3*d.*
[1]Ric. Danet 6*d.*
Edm. de Croxton 3*d.*
Joh. de Pakynton 3*d.*
Borialis. †Will. de Bedeford 3*d.* 1*s.*+
Petri[4]. Hen. Penne 6*d.*
Will. de Wykyngeston marchall 6*d.*
[1]*Mort*[5]. †Hen. de Roteby 6*d.*+
Tho. de Barton baxtere 3*d.*
Magister Alanus mazon 3*d.*
Rob. Watreman 6*d.*
†Beatrix de Stapilford 3*d.*+
Will. Gryndere 4*d.*
†Joh. de Hygham 3*d.*+
Rob. de Cloune 3*d.*
Galf. le Ledbetere 3*d.*
Will. Garlound 3*d.*
Joh. de Rerisby 6*d.*

Summa £7. 10*s.* 8*d.*
[1]Summa £6. 8*s.* 1*d.*

Quartrona Borialis.
Ric. de Foston 1*s.* 6*d.*
Adam de Oke 1*s.*
Joh. Godale 2*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
Rob. Penyfot 1*s.* 6*d.* †2*s.*+
Joh. Huscher †3*d.*+ 6*d.*
[1]Joh. Fot webster 3*d.*
†Joh. de Kitilthorpe 9*d.* 6*d.*+
Will. de Busseby 6*s.* †8*d.* 4*s.*+
Hen. de Wykyngeston †1*s.* 3*d.*+ 1*s.*
Joh. de le Wold 1*s.* †9*d.* 6*d.*+
Will. de Twyneham 6*s.* 8*d.*
Ric. le Barbour †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 1*s.*
†Hugo del Ile[6] 6*d.*+
Will. le Goldsmyth senior 6*s.*
Ric. de Ernesby 1*s.* †9*d.*+
Joh. Sabyn †9*d.*+ 1*s.*
Adam de Cokeram 1*s.* †9*d.* 6*d.*+
Hen. Sparowe †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 4*s.*
†Sim. de Frisby 3*d.*+
[1]Joh. Petrisburgh smyth 6*d.*
Joh. de Petrisburgh 3*s.*
[1]De tabernario iuxta le Dedelane 3*s.*

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[1] Added subsequently. [2] Dublin. [3] St Martin's Lane.
[4] St Peter's [Lane]. [5] Probably Dead Lane. [6] Hugo de Lyle above, p. 84.

Adam Bowyer 6*d.*
[1]Will. de Stretton cocus 6*d.*
Ric. in le Mire 3*s.*
Greg. le Spicer 3*d.* †6*d.*+
Joh. de Hatherne cok 1*s.* †6*d.*+
[1]Will. socio suo
Ric. Frereman cok 4*s.* †6*d.*+
†Rob. de Lyndrich 3*d.*+
[1]Rog. Spurreour iunior 3*d.*
Tho. Nem sherman 3*d.*
[1]Pet. le Tayllour 6*d.*
Will. le Taillour 3*d.*
[1]Rob. Flecher 3*d.*
Rob. de Hornynglowe 1*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
[1]Will. le Tayllour 3*d.*
Alicia de Broughton 3*d.*
[1]Nic. le Marchall 6*d.*
Alicia de Broughton senior 6*d.*
[1]Johanna de Cosyngton 3*d.*
Tho. Mayhou 1*s.* 6*d.* +1*s.* 3*d.* 2*s.*+
Joh. Russel 2*s.* 6*d.* +1*s.* 6*d.* 2*s.*+
Will. de Groby 1*s.*
Nic. Hendeman 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Will. Hendeman 3*s.* 4*d.*
†[1]Joh. de Kibbeworth 6*d.*+
Rog. Mayheu 3*s.*
†Joh. de Taynslet (?) 4*d.*+
†Will. de Wrelton 9*d.*+
Adam de Welyngton 1*s.* †8*d.*+
Will. de Cosyngton 1*s.* 6*d.* †2*s.* 6*d.*+
Rob. de Northampton 1*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
Nic. de Aldestre 1*s.*
[1]Rob. de Bellyngburgh 3*d.*
Joh. de Weston dexter 1*s.* †6*d.*+
[1]Joh. de Northampton 3*d.*
Hen. Marchall +6*d.*+ 3*d.*
[1]Tho. Jonesone 6*d.*
Walt. le Webstere 6*d.*
[1]Ric. Lemman 1*s.*
Will. Goldsmyth junior †9*d.*+ 1*s.*
Ad—(?) Tho. le Taillour 3*d.*
†Paganus de Kent 6*d.*+
Joh. de Groby curreyour 10*d.*
[1]Tho. Webester 3*d.*
†Tho. Gounfrey 6*d.*+
[1]Will. Chettwyn 2*d.*
Rob. le Ploumer 1*s.* 6*d.* †9*d.* 1*s.*+
[1]Joh. de Enderby 3*d.*
Rob. le Peyntour 6*d.*
[1]Joh. de Lyndeseye 3*d.*
Rog. Seynlowe 3*d.*
Hen. Ledbeter 4*d.*
†Tho. Leveson 3*d.*+
Dauid Ledbetere 3*d.* †6*d.*+
Joh. de Peyghtelton 3*s.* 6*d.*
Joh. de Leyk coupere †9*d.*+ 1*s.*
Tho. de Nowesle 4*s.*
Joh. de Stafford belleyetere 1*s.*
[1]Hugho le Hunte 3*d.*
Steph. Leche 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Hugo Godsone 3*d.*
Joh. de Rolleston 2*s.* †6*d.*+
Rob. Chapman thacker 6*d.*
[1]Joh. Hopper drapere 1*s.* 6*d.*
†Alicia le Cu+ 7*d.*
Ric. le Goldsmyth †6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Joh. Scot glouere †3*d.*+ 6*d.*
Margeria Lymenour 1*s.*
Will. le Wright 2*s.*
[1]Laur. le Barkere 3*d.*
Ric. de Reccham roper †4*d.*+ 6*d.*
Rob. Poutrell †1*s.*+ 6*d.*
[1]Will. de Leyke 4*d.*
Rad. le Sherman 3*d.*
[1]Margareta le Northirne 6*d.*
Joh. de Sleford 1*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
Will. de Weston 9*d.*
Will. de Swepston 3*d.*
Joh. de Tirlyngton 4*s.*
Joh. de Thurstyngton †1*s.* 6*d.*+ 2*s.*
Joh. de Glen †1*s.*+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
†Ric. le Sawyer 3*d.*+
Will. le Coupere 3*d.*
Hen. de Walton 1*s.* †1*s.* 6*d.*+
Sim. de Thorp 3*d.*
Will. le Soutere[2] super pontem 3*d.*
Will. de Ansty †1*s.*+ 6*d.*
Rog. de Beby 1*s.* †2*s.* 6*d.*+
Adam le Lather 6*d.*
[1]Will. de Bedeforde 3*d.*
†Tho. de Sitheston 6*d.*+
[1]Ric. de Glen 3*d.*
Belgrauegate. Will. Godfelawe coruiser 6*d.*
Sim. de Melton barker †1*s.*+ 1*s.* 6*d.*
Tho. le Milner 3*d.*
[1]Joh. le Barkere 6*d.*
Will. de Petlyng 1*s.* †7*d.*+

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[1] Added subsequently.

[2] Cobbler.

[1]Will. de Sempyngham 3*d.*
Tho. Nayl 6*d.*
[1]Galf. le Cotiler 3*d.*
Ric. Large †9*d.*+
[1]†Steph. Ber hos*ier* 4*d.*+
Ric. +Loksmyth+ slater 7*d.*
Editha Goddoughtre 3*d.*
[1]Joh. de Staunforde 3*d.*
Ric. Waleys 4*d.*
Hugo Hayward 6*d.*
†Joh. de la Launde 3*d.*+
Step. le Mazoun 4*d.* †6*d.*+
†Will. Chetewyn taillour 3*d.*+
†Pet. le Taillour 3*d.* 6*d.*+
Rog. de Hauerbergh †6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Will. le Slatere 3*d.*
Will. de Hethre 3*d.*
Will. Moubray 4*d.*
Will. de Donyngton 3*d.* †6*d.*+
Will. Hostiler 4*d.*
[1]Joh. le Sadeler 3*d.*
[1]Hugo le Sclatere 3*d.*
[1]Joh. le Tayllour 3*d.*
[1]Joh. de Brokesby 3*d.*
[1]Summa £5. 15*s.* 1*d.*
Summa £5. 12*s.* 6*d.*

Quartrona fori porcorum.
†Will. de Stretton 3*d.*+
Hen. de Bulkynton 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Joh. de Couentre 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Rob. de Couentre †8*s.*+ 6*s.*
Will. Broun 1*s.* 3*d.*
Joh. Serle 6*d.*
[1]Nic. Godlord 6*d.*
†Joh. Ileryng 6*d.*+
Hen. de Thurmaston 2*s.* †1*s.* 1*s.* 6*d.*+
†Nic. le Marchall 4*d.*+
Will. Leuerich †9*d.*+ 1*s.*
Nic. de Kelyngworth 1*s.* †6*d.*+
Will. de Lobesthorp mercer 2*s.* 6*d.* †1*s.* 3*d.* 1*s.* 6*d.*+
[1]Rog. de Kybbeworth ernemongere 3*d.*
Will. de Dunstaple £1. 6*s.* 8*d.*
[1]Rog. de Knyghtecote iunior 6*d.*
Tho. de Langeton 2*s.*
Will. de Ilueston 5*s.*
Tho. Rodecok 1*s.* †2*s.* 1*s.* 6*d.*+
Joh. le Cu 6*s.* 8*d.* †4*s.*+
Steph. de Derby 2*s.* †1*s.*+
Hugo Pernaunt †6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Joh. Kelyng 1*s.*
Rob. de Belgraue skynner †6*d.*+ 1*s.*
Walt. de Lyndrich 3*s.* 4*d.*
Tho. de Wheglesbergh 5*s.*
Joh. de Ely skinner 6*d.*
[1]Will. de le Mire de Humbirston 6*d.*
Hen. de Drayvyter 3*d.* †1*s.* 6*d.* 1*s.*+
Tho. Wynger 3*s.*
Rog. Snow 1*s.* 6*d.* †6*d.*+
Georgius Chaloner 4*d.*
Sim. Blodletere 3*d.*
Adam Fynamour †3*d.*+ 6*d.*

Belgrauegate. Joh. Steyn 6*d.*
And. le Glasiere 1*s.* 6*d.* †1*s.*+
Joh. Bras †1*s.*+ 6*d.*

[v°.] *Ad huc de quartrona fori porcorum.*
Galf. de Kent †6*s.* 8*d.*+ 6*s.*
[1]Rog. de Sitheston 2*s.* 6*d.*
Will. Tubbe †13*s.* 4*d.*+ 8*s.*
[1]Ric. de Cotes 3*d.*
Joh. de Petlyng †13*s.* 4*d.*+ 6*s.* 8*d.*
Will. de Sitheston 10*s.*
Joh. Hayward †18*s.*+ 6*s.* 8*d.*
Rog. del Waynhous 2*s.* 6*d.*
Ric. de Gouteby 1*s.*
†Rob. Ricolet 6*d.*+

Australis. Ric. de Burton †9*d.*+ 6*d.*
†Rad. le Glouere 6*d.*+
[1]Hugone de Stapelton & Johanne socio suo 1*s.*
Rob. de Belgraue carpenter 6*d.*
†Rob. Fode 1*s.* 6*d.*+
†Joh. Fode 3*s.* 4*d.*+
Joh. Tulle 6*d.*
Will. Kyng 1*s.* 3*d.*
[1]Ric. Pulterer 1*s.*
Tho. Crokeman 6*d.*
[1]Alicia Porter 3*d.*
Joh. de Ilueston 3*s.*
[1]Rad. Pottere 6*d.*
Tho. de Houby taillour 1*s.* 6*d.*
Hen. de Derby taillour 1*s.*
Tho. de Beby 18*s.*
[1]Joh. Mare et socio suo 6*d.*
Mat. le Taillour 6*d.*
Sim. de Wykyngeston 1*s.*
Hen. Candel 6*d.*
†Joh. de Waynflet+ 4*d.*
Joh. Steyn sclatere 1*s.*
Bricius Cotiller †4*d.*+ 6*d.*

[1] Added subsequently.

[1]Joh. de Grantham 6*d.*
Joh. Dam. Cuuuere †3*d.*+ 6*d.*
Tho. Fissher 2*s.*

Forum Porcorum. †Joh. Curteys +1*s.*
Rog. Scoyle 6*d.*
Will. de Cotes 1*s.*
Rob. Coupere 2*s.*
Joh. de Lowesby senior 16*s.*
Joh. de Lowesby iunior 2*s.*
Joh. le Curreyour de Newerk 2*s.* 6*d.*
Rog. de Belgraue clericus 2*s.*
Tho. de Boseworth 6*d.*
Mat. de Endreby 3*d.*
[1]Will. de Abketilby Irnemongere 1*s.*
†Joh. de London+
Matilda de Chestre 3*d.*
Ric. Barfot 3*d.*
Will. de Kent 6*d.*
†Adam de Outheby mercer 6*d.*+
Ric. le Webstere 3*d.*
Katerina le Dextere de Couentre 1*s.* 6*d.*
[1]Hugo le Scryueyn 1*s.*
[1]Rad. Hoppere tayllour 3*d.*
[1]Sim. de Cosyngton tayllour et socio suo 3*d.*
[1]Joh. le Tayllour iuxta Dunstaple 3*d.*
[1]Matilda Merser 3*d.*
[1]Will. de Broughton 3*d.*

Summa £10. 0*s.* 7*d.*
[1]Summa £ 9. 13*s.* 1*d.*

Quartrona orientalis.
Rad. le Cartere 4*d.*
Rob. de Cayham 6*d.*
Ric. de Dersford barker 4*d.* †6*d.*+
Rad. Ace 6*d.*
Hen. de Knapetoft barker 2*s.*
Will. de Norton 1*s.* 6*d.*
Rob. de Burstall 1*s.*
Joh. de Samwell 3*d.*
And. Sweyn 6*d.*
Rob. Ingram 3*d.*
Johanna Glide 3*d.*
†Maya de Stoughton 3*d.*+
Joh. Route 1*s.*
Joh. de Stoughton barker 6*d.*
Joh. Dekene 10*s.*
Rob. le Porter 10*s.*
Will. de Baumburgh 6*d.*
[1]Hen. Coupere 6*d.*
Margeria de Billesdon 6*d.*
Rog. Malyn 1*s.* 6*d.*
†Joh. de Thorneton 3*d.*+
Walt. de Euyngton 3*d.*
Tho. le Plasterer 6*d.*
Rad. Derlyng 1*s.*
Joh. Cardemaker 1*s.*
Will. le Carter 3*d.*
Will. de Sibbesdon walker 1*s.*
Joh. de Grantham 3*d.*
Will. de Qwenyngburgh 2*s.*
†Joh. de Kybworth sclatere 3*d.*+
Amicia le Skynner 3*d.*
Matilda Wythchild 6*d.*
Rob. Malyn 3*d.*
Joh. de Wykyngeston iunior 6*d.*
†Joh. de Lubbesthorp walker 3*d.*+
Joh. Leuerich 2*s.*
†Rob. fil. Thome de Thurmaston 6*d.*+
Tho. de Cotes 3*d.*
Will. Porter 6*d.*
Rog. de Snotyngham[2] 6*d.* 3*d.*
Ric. de Rothewell 3*d.* †6*d.*+
Gilb. de Segraua 6*s.*
†Will. de Segraue 2*s.*+
Joh. de Appelby marchall 3*d.* †2*d.*+
Hen. Leuerich 6*d.*
Will. del Waynhous 5*s.*
[1]—Marchall 3*d.*
Joh. de Stonton 9*s.* 6*d.*
Rob. de Warkenaby 1*s.*
Will. de Wykham 2*s.*
Joh. de Knaptoft 2*s.* 6*d.*
Will. de Greseleye 4*s.*
†Will. de Leyke 3*d.*+
[1]—de Melton 3*d.*
Hen. Crowe 6*d.*
Normanus de Wykyngeston 4*d.*
Joh. de Warkenaby 3*d.*
[1]Rad. Hauk 3*d.* 6*d.*
Joh. de Hardeshill 1*s.*
Will. de Haughton ropere 1*s.*
Galf. Aldith 3*d.*
Rob. de Somerdeby 1*s.*
Joh. le Taverner 6*d.*

[1] Added subsequently.

[2] A curious reappearance of the early form of the word Nottingham. Mr Stevenson has not met with it after c. 1150.

Pet. Gilofre 2*s.*
Joh. de Scrapetoft 10*s.*
†Rog. de Sitheston 2*s.*†
Joh. Palmere taillour 3*d.*
Rob. de Mardefeld 3*s.* 6*d.*
Rog. de Knyghtecote 13*s.* 4*d.*
Joh. Kyng sherman 6*d.*
Tho. de Radeclif 3*d.*
[1]Ric. de Threngeston 6*d.*
[1]Summa £4. 16*s.* 7*d.*
Summa £5. 5*s.* 10*d.*
Summa totalis £28. 9*s.* 3*d.*

Box 4, No. 102. [Aug. 29, 1354.] Tallage of the town of Leicester assessed in the time of Roger of Knightcote, Mayor, Friday the feast of the Decollation of St John the Baptist 28 Ed. III., for the fine made with the Clerk of the Market and for his expenses and other debts which were owing by the community of the same, by oath of (4 Jurats named) and (ten named) of the community chosen for this and (two named) for the Bishop's Fee. Total £17.

(South Quarter, 81 names, paid £4. 1*s.* 6*d.*, North, 84 names, £3. 14*s.* 6*d.*, Quarter of the Swinesmarket, 76 names, £5. 13*s.* 3*d.*, East Quarter, 50 names, £2. 19*s.*, Bishop's Fee, 14 names, 16*s.* 6*d.*, total £17. 4*s.* 9*d.* The names of those on the Bishop's Fee are :—

Rad. Blake, Hen. Coupere, Hamo de Temple, Will. Bee, Hen. de Baddeslegh, Rad. Hauk, Roger de London, Emma de Wylughby, Rob. Dextere, Hen. Dextere, Joh. de Beby, Rog. de Stonton, Walt. de Cotes, Joh. Fourner.

LXII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 154. [1354–5]. Account of Geoffrey of Kent Mayor of Leicester (29 Sep., 28 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 29 Ed. III.).

Receipt. (Gild entries) :—

*Will. de Warkenaby, *Hugh Pirre fisscher, *Ric. Lemman de Quenyburgh carnifex, *David le Webstere, *Will. de Kilborne hostiler, *Joh. Walscheman fleschewer, *Walt. de Cotes, *David le Ledbetere, *Rob. frater Henrici le Dextere, Joh. fil. Willelmi de Kybbeworthe, *Tho. de Ottleye sutor, *Joh. de Scopton mason, *Joh. de Tyberton mason, *Rob. de Craft mason, *Joh. de Groby curreour, *Hen. le Ledbetere, *Will. de Leyke, *Will. de Tykehull fysscher, *Tho. de Morton smyth, *Will. de Humbirston mercer, *Joh. de Mardefeld drapere, *Hug. de Stapelford clericus socius suus, *Ric. le Barkere de Assheby, Rog. de Knyghtecote iunior, mercer, *Joh. Asteyn de Smetheton.—£7. 6*s.*

Fees. Of which he accounts 20*s.* given to John of Knighton Steward of Leicester for having his counsel and aid. And to Ric. of Beeby 20*s.* and one coat (cote) price 8*s.* 6*d.* for the same.—£2. 8*s.* 6*d.*

Gifts to messengers. (One riding from the North, another riding, by name John of Nottingham, coming from Berwick, John Walscheman the Duke's messenger coming after the feast of St John ante Portam Latinam (May 6), bringing news that the lady would stay at the Castle. And 1*s.* to Will. Cokkesthyne messenger of the King bearing tidings from the North on Thursday (Aug. 20, 1355) after the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, that Lord de Percy took and killed a great number of the Scots[2].) (Other messengers)—5*s.* 6*d.*

Expenses. And he accounts (wine) spent at Will. Tubbe's tavern on John of Knightcote the Duke's Steward, Sir Rob. Pagnell and another knight coming with

[1] Added subsequently.

[2] Nothing seems to be known of this incident. It may perhaps be associated with the August incident at Norham, in *Scalachronicon*, ed. Stevenson, pp. xxix, 304.

him, with others following on Tuesday (Oct. 7, 1355) next after the feast of St Faith, Virgin, when he had made his oath before the Steward at the Castle.—6*d.*

Allowances. (As usual, John of Bushby serjeant.)—£3. 6*s.* 10½*d.*

Total expense £6. 1*s.* 4½*d.*

[v°.] Note that Geoff. of Kent rendered his account at the Gildhall of Leicester on Tuesday next before Michaelmas, 30 Ed. III. before John of Peatling then Mayor, Rob. the Porter, Roger of Belgrave clerk, jurats (4 named), auditors. And so all accounts being accounted and allowances allowed there is owing to the community £1. 4*s.* 7½*d.* Whereof the said John of Peatling then Mayor is charged on his account and they are paid : quit.

LXIII. *Grant of lands to the Hospital of St John for the support of a Chaplain.*

Box 10, No. 141. [Dec. 21, 1355.] Hec indentura facta inter fratrem Johannem de Norhtburgh Magistrum Hospitalis S. Johannis Leycestrie et omnes fratres eiusdem hospitalis ex parte vna et Johannem Haward, Galfridum de Kent et Rogerum Waynhous de Leycestria ex parte altera testatur quod iidem Joh. Galf. et Rog. licencia domini Regis et domini comitis Leycestrie optenta, dimiserunt, concesserunt, et hac presenti carta indentata confirmauerunt predictis magistro et fratribus duas partes vnius mesuagii et duodecim cotagiorum cum pertinenciis suis in suburbio orientali Leycestrie que prefati Joh. Galf. et Rog. habuerunt ex dono et feoffamento Petri Seler de Leycestria simul cum aliis tenementis in eadem villa et suburbio eiusdem unde dicte due partes messuagii predicti coniuncte sunt tenemento predicti hospitalis extra portam orientalem ex parte boriali ex una parte et iuxta tenementum in angulo quod quondam fuit Willelmi de Rolleston ex altera parte et dicta cotagia sita sunt

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This indenture, made between brother John of Northborough, Master of the Hospital of St John of Leicester and all the brethren of the said Hospital on the one part, and John Hayward, Geoffrey of Kent and Roger Wainhouse of Leicester on the other part, testifies that the said John, Geoffrey and Roger, having obtained the licence of the lord King and of the lord Earl of Leicester, have demised, granted and by this indented charter have confirmed to the aforesaid Master and brethren two parts of a messuage and of twelve cottages with their appurtenances in the East suburb of Leicester, which the aforesaid John, Geoffrey and Roger had by the gift and feoffment of Peter Saddler of Leicester together with other tenements in the said town and the suburb of the same, whereof the said two parts of the messuage aforesaid are conjoined to the tenement of the said Hospital outside the East Gate on the North part on the one side, and next the tenement at the corner which late was Will. of Rolleston's on the other side, and the said cottages are

iuxta murum Leycestrie: Habend' et tenend' prefatis magistro, fratribus et successoribus suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta bene et in pace imperpetuum. Pro quibus quidem tenementis predicti magister et fratres unanimi assensu et consensu volunt et concedunt pro se et successoribus suis et dictum hospitalem et omnia illud tangentia obligant invenire, sustentare et ordinare imperpetuum vnum capellanum de fratribus eiusdem hospitalis ad celebrandum cotidie nisi infirmitate vel alia causa racionabili excusetur, specialiter pro animabus predicti Petri Seler et Alicie vxoris eius et omnium filiorum et filiarum suorum et omnium benefactorum dicti Hospitalis et omnium fidelium defunctorum; qui quidem capellanus per predictum magistrum vel successores suos presentetur in plena curia de *Portmot* de Leycestria coram Maiore et communitate ville Leycestrie et ibi prestito sacramento compellatur [ut] concedet celebrare per totam vitam suam in omnibus vt predictum est, post cuius mortem alius ydoneus capellanus de fratribus dicti Hospitalis per prefatum magistrum vel successores suos infra mensem presentetur in curia predicta et ibi prestito sacramento compellatur ut[1] concedet per totam vitam suam celebrare omnino in forma predicta, et sic fiat post mortem cuiuscunque capellani presentacio alterius per predictum magistrum vel successores suos et iuramentum factum per

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situate next the wall of Leicester: to have and to hold to the said Master, brethren and their successors, of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed, well and in peace for ever.

For which tenements the said Master and brethren by unanimous assent and consent will and grant for themselves and their successors, and oblige the said Hospital and all things touching the same to find, maintain and ordain for ever a chaplain from among the brethren of the said Hospital to celebrate daily (unless he be excused by infirmity or other reasonable cause), especially for the souls of the aforesaid Peter Saddler and Alice his wife and all their sons and daughters, and all the benefactors of the said Hospital and all the faithful dead: which said chaplain shall be presented by the said Master or his successors in full court of the Portmoot of Leicester before the Mayor and community of the town of Leicester and there, having taken an oath, he shall be compelled to agree to celebrate during his whole life in all things as is aforesaid, after whose death another suitable chaplain shall be presented from among the brethren of the said Hospital by the aforesaid Master or his successors, within a month, in the aforesaid Court, and there having taken an oath he shall be compelled to agree to celebrate during his whole life entirely in the form aforesaid, and so after the death of any chaplain the presentation of another shall be made by the aforesaid Master or his

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[1] MS. *et.*

ipsum capellanum sic presentatum ad celebrandum in forma predicta imperpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium vni parti presentis indenture penes dictos Johannem, Galfridum et Rogerum remanenti sigillum commune dicti hospitalis S. Johannis est appensum et alteri parti penes prefatos magistrum et fratres suos remanenti predicti Joh. Galf. et Rog. sigilla sua apposuerunt et tercie parti eiusdem indenture penes maiorem et communitatem ville Leycestrie remanenti tam dicti magister fratres et sorores hospitalis predicti sigillum suum commune quam prefati Joh. Galf. et Rog. sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus: Johanne de Peictlyng tunc maiore Leycestrie, Thoma del Groue tunc balliuo, Johanne Martyn, Rogero de Knyghtcote, Willelmo le Goldsmyth, Willelmo de Dunstaple, Willelmo de Sytheston et aliis. Datum apud Leycestriam die Lune in festo S. Thome Apostoli a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum vicesimo nono[1].

[Seal: see B.M. Catalogue I. 3448. Legend: Hos...Johannis Sct—. Wax: brown.]

LXIV. *Merchant Gild Pleas.*

Box 2, No. 45. [1355–6.] (Oct. 2, 1355.) Consideratum fuit per Johannem de Petlyng tunc maiorem Leycestrie, Willelmum Wareyn, Johannem Martyn, Galf. de Kent, Rog. de Knyghtecote, Will. le Goldsmyth, Tho. de Beby, Will. de Dunstaple, Joh. de Louseby, Joh. le Cu, Will. de le Waynhous, Will. de Wakefeld, Rog. de Bel-

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successors, and the oath made by the said chaplain so presented, to celebrate in the form aforesaid for ever. In witness whereof to the one part of the present indenture remaining in the possession of the said John, Geoffrey and Roger, the common seal of the said Hospital of St John is appended and to the other part, remaining in the possession of the aforesaid Master and his brethren, the aforesaid John, Geoffrey and Roger have affixed their seals and to the third part of this indenture, remaining in the possession of the Mayor and community of the town of Leicester, both the said Master, brethren and sisters of the aforesaid Hospital have affixed their common seal and the aforesaid John, Geoffrey and Roger have affixed their seals. These being the witnesses, John of Peatling then Mayor of Leicester, Thomas of the Grove then bailiff (5 named above) and others. Dated at Leicester on Monday the feast of St Thomas the Apostle 29 Ed. III.

It was decided by John of Peatling then Mayor of Leicester (and 15 persons named) Jurats, (and 35 named) of the community that each

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[1] Document indented at the top and at the left side.

grave, Ric. Norman, Joh. Kelyng et Rog. de le Waynhous Juratos, Ric. Herbert, Will. Leuerych, Ric. le Littele, Joh. Fode, Ric. in the Mire, Adam de Oke, Nic. de Kelingworth, Will. de Asscheby, Will. de Humbirston, Joh. Curteys, Rob. de Belgraue, Joh. de Wolde, Hen. de Wykingston, Joh. Joye, Rob. de Couentria, Will. de Twynham, Ric. de Gouteby, Rog. de Kilby, Joh. Godale, Phil. Dun, Rad. Milner, Walt. de Lyndrich, Joh. de Newerk, Will. de Ilueston, Ric. Frereman, Nic. Hendeman, Joh. Grom, Steph. de Derby, Joh. Bron, Will. Bacon, Will. Hendeman, Hen. Dextere, Joh. de Busseby, Will. de Thorneton, et Adam de Wellyngton de communi[tate] quod quilibet Maior ville Leycestrie de cetero haberet denarios gilde ad opus suum proprium imperpetuum sine compoto reddendo de predictis denariis gilde: Ita quod daret omnibus nunciis de suo proprio sine peticione allocacionis[1] super compotum suum et expendat omnia minuta de extraneis superuenientibus.

Et ordinatum fuit eo tempore per nomina predictorum quod nulli porci pergerent infra quatuor altas stratas Leycestrie anulati nec inanulati sub pena solucionis pro quolibet pede vnum denarium nec in venella infra villam nisi fuerint anulati sub eadem pena.

Ric. Norman vnus Juratus acculpatus fuit quod transgressuerit predicto Maiori verbis illicitis pro qua transgressione vadiauit Maiori vnam pipam vini que ponitur in respectu.

[Nov. 6, 1355.] Rob. de Wylughby acculpatus fuit coram Johanne de Petlyng tunc Maiore Leycestrie, Galfrido de Kent, Will. le Goldsmyth, Will. de Dunstaple, Rob. Porter, Joh. Coc, Tho. de Beby, Joh. de Louseby, Will. de Sitheston, et Rog. de le Waynhous, Juratis

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Mayor of the town of Leicester henceforth should have the gild pence for his own use for ever without rendering account for the aforesaid gild pence, so that he should give of his own to all the messengers without asking allowance on his account and spend all the small sums for strangers coming hither.

And it was ordained at that time by the names of the aforesaid that no pigs might wander within the four high streets[2] of Leicester, ringed or unringed, under pain of payment for every foot 1*d.*, nor in lanes within the town unless they were ringed, under the same penalty.

Ric. Norman, a Jurat, was accused that he transgressed against the aforesaid Mayor with unlawful words, for which trespass he pledged to the Mayor a pipe of wine which is put in respite.

Robert of Willoughby was charged before John of Peatling then Mayor of Leicester, (9 named) Jurats and others that he spoke unlawful words against

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[1] MS. sine peticionis allocacione.

[2] The four main streets leading to the four gates.

et aliis quod loqueretur contra gildam suam verba illicita, que non potuit contradicere: per quod vadiauit centum solidos qui ponuntur in respectu si umquam de cetero transgressuerit Maiori et communitati.

[Nov. 20.] Tho. Rodecok acculpatus fuit quod noluit vendere ceruisiam in villa secundum ordinacionem et proclamacionem Maioris et non potuit dedicere: per quod renumeratum fuit quod solueret xl*d.* si vmquam de cetero transgressuerit: qui ponuntur in respectu.

[Mar. 13.] Joh. Sabyn goldsmyth acculpatus fuit in aula gilde die veneris proxima post festum S. Gregorii pape coram Johanne de Petlyng maiore et Juratis et aliis de communitate quod iniuste dictus Joh. Sabyn et Jacobus filius eius verberarent proclamatorem ville quia cepit porcos suos euntes in strata ad nocumentum magnum precepto dicti Maioris. Dictus Joh. Sabyn venit et pro se contradicit set non potuit contradicere quin Jacobus fecit illam transgressionem, pro quo dictus Joh. Sabyn vadiauit xx*s.* qui ponuntur in respectu si umquam transgressuerit dicto Maiori seu Juratis.

[May 19, 1356.] Joh. le Cu de Leycestria acculpatus fuit coram Johanne de Petlyng tunc Maiore Leycestrie, Galfrido de Kent, Joh. Martyn, Rob. le Porter, Will. le Goldsmyth, Will. Wareyn, Ric. Norman, Ric. Wynger, Tho. Wyngere, Tho. de Beby, Joh. de Louseby seniore, Will. de Sitheston, Rog. de Belgraue, Rog. de le Waynhous, Will. de le Waynhous, Will. de Wakefeld, Juratis, et pluribus aliis de communitate quod venderet vinum contra proclamacionem et

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his gild, which he could not deny: wherefore he pledged £5 which are put in respite if ever henceforth he should trespass against the Mayor and community.

Tho. Rodecok was charged that he would not sell beer in the town according to the ordinance and proclamation of the Mayor and he could not deny: wherefore it was declared that he should pay 3*s.* 4*d.* if ever henceforth he should trespas: which sum is put in respite.

John Sabyn, goldsmith, was charged in the Gildhall on Friday next after the feast of St Gregory the Pope before John of Peatling, Mayor, and the Jurats and others of the community that the said John Sabyn and James his son unjustly flogged the town-crier because he took their pigs wandering in the streets to the general nuisance, by the said Mayor's order. The said John Sabyn came and denied for himself but could not deny that James did this trespass; for whom the said John Sabyn pledged 20*s.* which are put in respite if ever he should trespass again against the said Mayor or Jurats.

John the Cook, of Leicester, was charged before John of Peatling then Mayor of Leicester and (15 named) Jurats, and many others of the community that he sold wine against the proclamation and ordinance of the said Mayor

ordinacionem dicti Maioris et Juratorum; vnde dictus Joh. de Petlyng Maior venit ad tabernam ipsius Johannis Coci cum paribus suis et aliis de communitate et supplicauit eum bono modo vendere ialonem pro x*d.* secundum ordinacionem et noluit iustificari per eum set leuauit hutesium multociens super ipsum Maiorem in auditu omnium secum venientium iniuste. Et compertum fuit per probos et legales homines Jurat*ores* quod non potuit dedicere set cognouit et vadiauit emendacionem, per quod renumeratum fuit per predictos Juratores quod si vmquam de cetero transgressuerit alicui Maiori ville solueret vnum doleum vini et amitteret gildam suam et expelletur ab officio †Juratoris† sui si fuerit attinctus per pares suos, quod quidem doleum vini ponitur in respectu secundum baiulacionem ipsius Johannis Coci. Et dictus Joh. Cu concessit coram predicto Johanne de Petlyng tunc Maiore †Juratoribus† predictis et communitate dicto die veneris in aula predicta soluere Johanni de Busseby seruienti Maioris quinque solidos argenti pro labore suo vendenti doleum vini medio tempore quod emit de Thoma Chapman pro vndecim marcis et eciam faceret ei acquietanciam.

LXV. *Tallage Roll.*

Box 4, No. 104. [Feb. 4, 1356.] Tallage for a certain present sent to the Lord Duke of Lancaster and for the expenses of the knights at Parliament and for other business touching the community of Leicester, assessed on Friday after Candlemas 30 Ed. III. in the time of John of Peatling, Mayor.

(Collectors sworn.) Total £24.

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and Jurats; wherefore the said John of Peatling, Mayor, came to the tavern of the said John Cook with his peers and others of the community and begged him to sell the gallon for 10*d.* in the proper way according to the ordinance, and he would not be brought to justice by him, but raised the hue many times on the Mayor himself unjustly in the hearing of all those who came with him. And it was found by honest and lawful men, Jurors, that he could not deny, but he confessed and waged amends: wherefore it was declared by the aforesaid Jurors that if ever henceforth he should trespass against any Mayor of the town he should pay a tun of wine and forfeit his gild and be expelled from his office of Juror if he were attainted by his peers: which tun of wine is put in respite according to the bailing of the said John Cook. And the said John Cook agreed before the aforesaid John of Peatling, then Mayor, the aforesaid Jurors and the community, on the said day Friday in the aforesaid hall, to pay to John of Bushby serjeant of the Mayor 5*s.* of silver for his labour in selling meanwhile the tun of wine which he bought from Thomas Chapman for 11 marks, and also that he would make him an acquittance.

(South Quarter 65 names, £5. 10*s.* 2*d.*; North 67, £5. 3*s.* 11*d.*, Swinesmarket 60, £8. 7*s.* 7*d.*, East 39, £4. 7*s.* 7*d.*, Bishop's Fee (no names) 13*s.* 4*d.*) Total £24. 2*s.* 7*d.*

LXVI. *Royal Letters Patent pardoning certain fines in exchange for the fifteenth*[1].

Box 17, No. 143 and V. B. No. 78 (copy.) [May 5, 1357.] At the petition of the commonalty of our realm of England made to us in our present parliament summoned at Westminster on Monday next after Easter week last past, and for a certain yearly fifteenth which the said commonalty freely granted for our arduous business, (in the same manner and under the same form as the last fifteenth, granted to us by the said commonalty, was levied,) to be levied by us at Michaelmas and Easter next following, to be paid by equal portions, we have remitted and pardoned to all and singular of the said commonalty all kinds of escapes of prisons[2], (escapes of convicted clerks from the prisons of prelates excepted,) and the chattels of felons and fugitives, together with all other amercements which were adjudged or affeered in the Eyres of the Justices on the commonalty of any county, hundred, wapentake, or township in common and not in particular. The said commonalty may have and receive that which belongs to us from escapes and chattels aforesaid, and levy it for the use of the commonalty in aid of their payment of the aforesaid fifteenth. And the said commonalty or any of the same shall not be burdened with Queen's gold by reason of the grant of the aforesaid fifteenth.

By the King and Council. RAVEND. CANTEBURI.

[Great Seal nearly perfect in brown wax, appended by parchment tag.]

LXVII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 47. [1357–8.] Morewenspeche tento [Oct. 13, 1357] per Willelmum de Dunstaple tunc Maiorem Leycestrie, Johannem Martyn, Galf. de Kent, Rob. le Porter, Will. Wareyn, Will. le Goldsmyth, Rog. de Knyghtecote, Joh. de Petlyng, Ric. Norman, Tho. de Beby, Will. de Sytheston, Will. de Wakefield, Will. del Waynhous, Rog. de le Waynhous, Joh. Kelyng et Tho. Wyngere, Juratos, et alios probos et legales homines de communitate, ordinatum fuit inter eos per communem assensum quod nullus juratorum emeret blada in foro antequam prima diei pulsatur sub pena dimidie marce soluende ad

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Morningspeech held...by Will. of Dunstable then Mayor of Leicester, (15 named) Jurats, and other honest and lawful men of the community; it was ordained among them by common consent that none of the Jurats might buy grain in the market before prime of day be sounded, under penalty of

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[1] See *Statute Book*, I. 352.

[2] I.e. fines due for allowing the escape.

opus communitatis, nec aliquis alius de communitate sub pena xl*d.* Item quod pistores deberent †pistorare† quatuor wastellos pro denario et duos wastellos pro †denario[1]† ac eciam de pane coketti, et sic de omnimodis panibus sub pena grauiter amerciari. Et si contingat quod panis deficit in villa per defectum pistorum et habeant farinam [su]am in domibus suis †quod reperiatur et nolunt pistorare† illa farina †amittet†. Item quod regratrices [ponerent] panem suum vendendum in fenestris suis et ne abscond[er]ent in archis nec angulis nec venderent panem cum butiro seu caseo vel ouis set †quilibet† per se nec emerent aliqua victualia ante primam diei.

Joh. Joye acculpatus fuit coram dicto Maiore, Juratis et pluribus de communitate quod malediceret Robertum de Couentria et alios collectores tallagii domini Ducis Lancastrie iniuste, per quod vadiauit centum solidos, et xl*s.* ponuntur in respectu si vmquam de cetero transgrederet et soluet dimidiam marcam in adiutorio pontium ville. Entries:—*Ric. de Dunton, *Nic. Godlort, *Hugo le Scryueyn, Ric. de Whelesbergh mercer (s.p.), *Will. de le North curreour, *Ric. de Musele de Neuton Harecourt barker, *Rog. Chapman de Kybbeworthe, *Will. de Sempyngham barker, *Will de le Chapel mercer et Will. Daundelyn mercer socius eius, *Will. de Wircestre taillour.—£4. 3*s.* 4*d.*

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paying 6*s.* 8*d.* to the use of the community, nor any other of the community under pain of (paying) 3*s.* 4*d.* Item that bakers ought to bake 4 wastells for a penny and 2 wastells for a halfpenny (?) and also of cocket bread, and similarly of all kinds of bread, under pain of being grievously amerced. And if it chance that bread is wanting in the town through the bakers' fault, and if they have their flour in their houses and will not bake it, and this is discovered, that flour is forfeit. Item that regratresses should put their bread for sale in their windows and should not hide it in hutches or corners, and should not sell bread with butter or cheese or eggs but each separately, and should not buy any victuals before prime of day.

John Joy was accused before the said Mayor, Jurats and many of the community that he abused Robert of Coventry and other collectors of the tallage of the lord Duke of Lancaster[2] unjustly, wherefor he pledged £5 and £2 are put in respite if ever henceforth he should offend, and he shall pay 6*s.* 8*d.* in aid of the bridges of the town.

[1] ? for *obolo.*

[2] Probably the large present of £31. 9*s.* 3*d.*, p. 108.

LXVIII. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 6, No. 156[1]. [1357-8.] (Account of Will. of Dunstable Sep. 29, 31 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 32 Ed. III.)

Receipt. 40 marks for the King's tenth; £31. 9*s.* 3*d.* received of a certain tallage assessed for a present sent to the Duke of Lancaster and for £13. 4*s.* 3¼*d.* owed to W. Wareyn for the time of his mayoralty. (Other entries torn.) And in surplus from the Bishop's Fee £1. 10*s.*, gild-entries £4. 3*s.* 4*d.*

Total receipt with the Bishop's Fee £65. 5*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. 40 marks to the King for his tenth...of Rhenish wine £9. 17*s.* 10*d.* with carriage £4. 13*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas of the Grove and John of Peatling for expenses at parliament in London 32 Ed. III.[2] being there for 28 days, at 20*d.* a day each. To John of Peatling 20*s.* for getting a writ that the town should not be amerced for its measures. Paid to Rob. of Thurmaston, Will. of Brooksby, and Ric. of Ashby going with the Duke of Lancaster to Liverpool with three carts 48*s.* for 9 days.—£8. 1*s.* 4*d.*

In expenses of the said Mayor and others going to London seeking (perquirend') that the town should be free from Toll £6. 7*s.* 9¾*d.*[3]

(Expenses at taverns, for runners and messengers, badly torn.) 4*d.* given to the King's fool (stulto) (usual fees; John of Bushby the serjeant;) 4*s.* to the clerks of St Martin's for ringing prime, 1*s.* in parchment bought at divers times, viz. for the tallage of the tenth of the lord King, for the present, tallage for the toll, and for the roll of bakers before (versus) the bailiff and for other small things. (Some small allowances, torn.)

Total expense £75. 11*s.* 5¾*d.*

[v°.] Note that on Friday after Lady Day 33 Ed. III. Will. of Dunstable then Mayor rendered his account in this Gildhall of Leicester in the presence of John Cook and 5 auditors (named), and John of Bushby, serjeant, and Will. Mowbray, clerk. The community owes the Mayor £9. 5*s.* 9¾*d.* And 10*s.* which were wrongly accounted. And 10*s.* pardoned to the Receiver in allowance. And so the sum in full is £10. 5*s.* 9¾*d.* for the debt to the said Mayor for the first year accounted.

Box 6, No. 155. [1358-9.] Account of William of Dunstable Mayor of Leicester (from Sep. 29, 32 Ed. III., to Sep. 29, 33 Ed. III.) for his second year.

Receipt. He answers for £33. 11*s.* 4*d.* received of a certain tallage assessed on Wednesday the eve of St James the Apostle (July 24), 33 Ed. III., for the marriage of the daughter of the Duke of Lancaster[4]. And for the archers of the lord King and fees of the Steward, John of Knighton, and Ric. of Beeby. And for the salary of the clerk of the Mayor and of his serjeant.—£33. 11*s.* 4*d.*

And for £7. 13*s.* 8*d.* received of divers men entering the gild this year, as appears by chapters.

Total receipt £41. 5*s.*

Gifts and fees. Of which he accounts for £25 given to the daughter of the lord for her marriage and for the handmaid (ancilla) of her chamber. And £4. 16*s.* 4*d.* for the archers of the lord King. And for acquittances 2*d.* (And fees to the Steward etc. with the clerk and serjeant.) And £10. 5*s.* 9¾*d.* which are owed to Will. of Dunstable then Mayor, by the community for the first year.—£41. 15*s.* 7¾*d.*

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[1] In very bad condition.

[2] Feb. 5–27, 1358.

[3] This entry has been struck through.

[4] Blanche married John of Gaunt at Reading, 19 May 1359.

Small expenses and gifts. (Rhenish wine for the Steward standing within the gate of John Cook[1]; two messengers.) †2*s.* †10*d.*

Present. And he accounts for 6*s.* 2*d.* in a present sent to Simon Simeon[2] when he fell ill at the house of John Cook, as appears by parcels.—6*s.* 2*d.*

Gifts to minstrels. And 3*s.* 8*d.* given to minstrels on the coming of the Duke of Lancaster and his daughter to Leicester before the marriage.

Expenses on the Gildhall. And in timber bought for under-pinning (?) the Moot-hall (ad supplantandum[3] le Mothalle) and for carpenters 8*s.* 2*d.* paid in the presence of Will. Goldsmith. And 1*s.* 6*d.* given to Will. Slater tiling (tegulant') the said hall.—9*s.* 8*d.*

Allowance. (Clerk's table, salmon-fee, parchment) £2. 13*s.* 10*d.*

Sum total of expense £45. 9*s.* 9¾*d.* And so there is owing on the account £4. 4*s.* 9¾*d.*

Will. Ferrour entered the gild merchant and made fine for 6*s.* 8*d.* and the bull.

LXIX. *Tallage Roll.*

(Box L, No. 247, 3[4].) [July 24, 1359.] A portion (South Quarter) of the roll entitled for the tallage of 40 marks given to the daughter of the Duke of Lancaster for her marriage, for archers of the King of England and also for a fee, viz. to the Steward and Richard of Beeby, for 1 mark to the Mayor's serjeant and the clerk for his fee for 33 Ed. III.

(At the end a few notes of debts and accounts.)

LXX. *Merchant Gild Roll and Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 130. [1359–60.] Roll of the Gild in the time of Will. of Dunstable then Mayor of Leicester (29 Sep. 33 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 34 Ed. III.) for the third year. (Entries):—

[5]Joh. Lewyn de Barkeby, Joh. de Petrisburgh marchal, Rob. de Appelby marchal, Joh. Therald de Leyke carnifex, Will. de Askeby mercer, Walt. de Gaunt, Rog. Spurreour iunior, Rob. Waterman, Tho. de Baggeworth portere, Rob. de Kybbeworth de Leycestria marchal, Cok. Marchal de Petrisburgh, Rob. de Keggeworth dudder[6], Hen. Paynel de Dancastre sadeler, Tho. de Cosington, coruiser, Joh. de Hikelyng in the Vale curreour, Will. de Galby, Will. Ferour de Boseworth, Nic. Chapman, Rob. de Walton coruiser, Roger fil. et heres Johannis Scot (s.p.).

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[1] The 2*s.* for this was not allowed. The entry is struck through.

[2] See above, p. 80.

[3] Supplantare should mean "throwing down," but the meaning here is more likely propping. The Gildhall was rebuilt in 1366, see below.

[4] A large bundle of fragmentary tallage rolls, many undated, of the 13th and 14th centuries.

[5] All pay the bull fine except the last.

[6] The exact meaning at this date is not certain, whether it be cloth-dealer, clothes-dealer, maker of duds (coarse cloaks) or dealer in old clothes. See N. E. D. under dud and duddery, and Wright-Wülcker and *Prompt. Parv.* s. v. dudde.

[July 24, 1360.] Morewenspeche tentum ad aulam gilde Leycestrie die veneris in vigilia S. Jacobi Apostoli anno r.r. Edwardi... xxxiiii^to^ per Willelmum de Dunstaple tunc Maiorem Leycestrie, Juratos et alios de communitate, coram quibus Ric. Norman Juratus acculpatus fuit quod venderet ceruisiam pro ii*d.* & i*d.* ob. contra assisam et proclamacionem Maioris et non potuit dedicere: ideo consideratum fuit quod †tuleret† pro transgressione facta ad predictam aulam die veneris proxima sequente xl*s.*, qui ponebantur in respectu per tempus Johannis de Petlyng tunc Maioris.

(And also Roger de le Waynhous and Will. le Goldsmyth, in respite according to their bail (secundum baiulacionem eorum).)

[v°]. (Walter of Lindrick accused of selling his beer against the Mayor's proclamation and of abusing his Mayor, and Ric. of Goadby accused in the same way, make amends in the same form.)

Account of Will. of Dunstable Mayor of Leicester, for the time of his mayoralty (29 Sep. 33 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 34 Ed. III.).

Receipt. He answers for 20 marks received for the moiety of the tenth of the lord King assessed at Easter 34 Ed. III.[1] for men-at-arms and archers chosen for the sea (?) (ad mar').

(Gild-entries) £7. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Sum of receipt £21.

Of which he counts 20 marks (to the King as above). Fees of John of Knighton, Ric. of Beeby, and a messenger.—£2. 0*s.* 4*d.*

In expenses of Ric. Herbert and Rog. of Belgrave at the parliament held at London on Monday next after the feast of the Lord's Ascension 34 Ed. III.[2] staying there for 6 days £1. 4*s.*, to each of them per day 2*s.*

Allowances. (Salmon fee, clerk's table, clerk's salary, John of Bushby the serjeant's salary.)—£3. 6*s.* 8*d.*

And he claims allowance of 6*d.* for which the community is amerced for the bridge towards Aylestone which is called Cowbridge (Coubrigg) for the 32nd year, and 3*d.* for the 33rd year.—9*d.*

Morningspeech held at the hall of the gild of Leicester on Friday the eve of St James the Apostle 34 Ed. III. by Will. of Dunstable then mayor of Leicester, the Jurats and others of the community, before whom Ric. Norman, Jurat, was charged that he sold beer for 2*d.* and 1½*d.* against the assize and the proclamation of the Mayor, and he could not deny: therefore it was decided that he should bring £2 to the said hall on Friday next following for the trespass done, which sum was put in respite during the time of John of Peatling then Mayor[3].

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[1] For an array to meet a threatened French invasion; a fifteenth and a tenth were agreed on in five provincial centres (Leicester being one) and were subsequently authorized by parliament.

[2] The parliament was called for Friday after the Ascension. May 15, 1360.

[3] He had pledged a pipe of wine in 1356, see above, p. 103.

And in surplus of the last account of the preceding year £4. 4*s*. 9¾*d*.

Sum of expense £24*s*. 3*s*. 2¾*d*.

And so there is owing on the account £3. 3*s*. 2¾*d*. And of 30*s*. of the tallage of the Bishop's Fee charged in the Mayor's account in the 32nd year and not levied[1].

LXXI. *Royal Charter changing the date of Leicester Fair*[2].

Box 17, Nos. 144, 145. [July 2, 1360.] (At the request of Henry Duke of Lancaster and Earl of Leicester, the date of the fair is changed from the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sep. 14) and the fortnight following to the three days before Michaelmas Day, Michaelmas Day, and three days after. Every native, or stranger coming to the town and suburb, during that time to be quit of toll, stallage, pickage, and other customs to be paid to the Duke or his heirs by reason of the said fair. The old fair is to cease.) Witnesses, Simon (Islip) Archbishop of Canterbury, William (Edendon) Bishop of Winchester, Chancellor, and John (Sheppey) Bishop of Rochester, Treasurer, Richard Earl of Arundel, Robert of Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, and Ralph Earl of Stafford, Walter de Manny, John de Beauchamp, and Guy de Brian, Steward of the Household, and others.

By the King himself. POWER.

[Both copies (No. 145 being the duplicate) have the Great Seal nearly perfect in green wax appended.]

LXXII. *Duke Henry's charter giving the town control of the fair.*

Box 17, No. 148; Box 10, No. 147. V.B. 79. [Aug. 15, 1360.] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum peruenerit Henricus Dux Lancastrie, Comes Leycestrie, Derbeye, Lyncolnie, et senescallus Anglie, salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum dominus noster dominus Edwardus illustrissimus Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie per cartam suam nobis et heredibus nostris concesserit et confirmauerit loco cuiusdam antique ferie quam habuimus in villa nostra Leycestrie quamdam aliam feriam apud predictam villam Leycestrie et suburbium eiusdem singulis annis per septem dies

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To all Christ's faithful people to whom this present writing may come Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Leicester, Derby, Lincoln, and Steward of England, greeting for ever in the Lord. Whereas our lord, the lord Edward, most famous King of England and France and lord of Ireland has by his charter to us and our heirs granted and confirmed, instead of a certain ancient fair which we had in our town of Leicester, a certain new fair at the said town of Leicester and its suburb to last every year for seven days, namely three

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[1] See above, p. 108.

[2] Printed in *Nichols*, I. i. App., p. 27.

videlicet tribus diebus ante festum S. Michaelis Archangeli et in eodem festo et tribus diebus proxime sequentibus imperpetuum duraturam: Ita quod quilibet indegena siue alienigena ad dictam villam et suburbium causa ferie predicte veniens ibidem moram faciens et exinde recedens tam in dicta feria quam ante et post imperpetuum sit quietus de teoloneo, stallagio, pikagio ac aliis custumis et prestacionibus quibuscumque nobis seu heredibus nostris ratione ferie predicte qualitercunque spectantibus; et quod dicta antiqua feria cesset omnino prout in dicta carta domini Regis plenius continetur: Nos predictus Dux ob affectionem et dilexionem quas habemus ad predictam villam nostram Leycestrie ubi corpus dilectissimi patris nostri iacet humatum, volentes et desiderantes dictam feriam nouam bene, iuste et fideliter in omnibus regulari ac gubernari ad aisiamentum, proficuum et incrementum tenencium nostrorum predicte ville et aliorum de eadem patria et eciam omnium ibidem causa ferie predicte venire volencium, volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris et per presentes confirmauimus Maiori et burgensibus nostris predicte ville Leycestrie et successoribus suis imperpetuum omnimodam ordinacionem gubernacionem et assignacionem stallorum et placearum ac totum regimen predicte noue ferie et omnium et singularum libertatum et aliarum consuetudinum ad eandem feriam spectantium per Maiorem predicte ville Leycestrie qui pro tempore fuerit et duos

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days before the feast of St Michael the Archangel, and on the said feast day and the three days next following for ever: in such a way that every native or stranger coming to the said town and suburb by reason of the aforesaid fair, staying there and going away from thence shall be quit both at the said fair and also before and after for ever of toll, stallage, pickage, and other customs and tributes whatsoever belonging to us or our heirs in any way by reason of the aforesaid fair; and that the said ancient fair shall cease entirely as in the said charter of the lord King is more fully contained: We the said Duke for the affection and love which we have to our said town of Leicester, where the body of our dearest father lies buried, willing and desiring that the said new fair should be well, justly and faithfully regulated and governed in all things to the easement, profit and advantage of our tenants of the aforesaid town and others of the same neighbourhood and also of all desiring to come there by reason of the aforesaid fair, will and grant for us and our heirs and by these presents we have confirmed to our Mayor and burgesses of the aforesaid town of Leicester and their successors for ever all manner of ordering government and assignment of the stalls and plots and the whole regulation of the aforesaid new fair and of all and singular the liberties and other customs touching the said fair, by the Mayor of the aforesaid town of Leicester who for

vel tres de probioribus et melioribus eiusdem ville in auxilium dicti Maioris ad hoc annuatim electos, deputatos et iuratos per dictos Maiorem et burgenses et successores suos sine impedimento seu perturbacione nostri vel heredum nostrorum seu aliorum ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque: saluis semper nobis et heredibus nostris amerciamentis et omnibus aliis proficuis in dicta noua feria nobis contingentibus per Balliuos nostros et heredum nostrorum predicte ville Leycestrie leuandis. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus: Willelmo, abbate Leycestrie, Will. de Ferrariis, Joh. de Bokeland militibus, Joh. Charnels clerico, Joh. de Knyghton senescallo nostro Leycestrie et aliis. Data in castro nostro Leycestrie die Sabbati in festo assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis, a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo quarto.

[Nos. 144 and 147 both have the seal of Henry Duke of Lancaster in green wax appended. That of 147 is a fragment only. See LVII.]

LXXIII. *Grant of Wrangle Manor to the Community*[1].

Box 10, No. 150. Box 18, No. 151. [March 6, 1361.] Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Henricus Dux Lancastrie, Comes Derbeie, Lincolnie et Leycestrie, senescallus Anglie, dedimus, concessimus et hac presenti carta confirmauimus Maiori et communitati

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the time being may be, and two or three of the more honest and better men of the said town in aid of the said Mayor, to be chosen, deputed and sworn each year by the said Mayor and burgesses and their successors, for this purpose, without impediment or hindrance of us or our heirs or any of our ministers whomsoever; saving always to us and our heirs the amercements and all other profits accruing to us in the said new fair, to be levied by the bailiffs of us and our heirs of the said town of Leicester. In witness whereof we have set our seal to this present writing. These being witnesses: William abbot of Leicester, Will. de Ferrers, John of Buckland, knights, John Charnels clerk, John of Knighton, our Steward of Leicester, and others. Dated in our Castle of Leicester on Saturday the feast of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary in the 34th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

Know all men present and to come that we Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester, Steward of England, have given, granted and by this present charter have confirmed to the Mayor and

[1] Cf. Knighton's *Annals* II. 112. "Dux obligavit dominium de Wrangle sub warranto dictarum libertatum."

Leycestrie manerium nostrum de Wrangel in Holond in comitatu Lincolnie cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis sine aliquo nobis reservando: habendum et tenendum eisdem Maiori et communitati et successoribus suis burgensibus Leycestrie de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia inde debita et consueta libere quiete bene et pacifice in perpetuum. (Warranty and sealing clauses.) Hiis testibus: Domino Willelmo abbate Leycestrie, domino Johanne Charnells clerico, domino Willelmo de Ferrariis, domino de Groby, Roberto Herle, Johanne de Bokelond, Johanne Foluill militibus, domino Rogero de Burton clerico, Simone Symeon et aliis. Data in castro nostro Leycestrie sexto die marcii a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo quinto.

[Seal of No. 151: Henry Duke of Lancaster's as in LVII, in green wax. The legend "Henrici Ducis Lancastrie" is visible.]

LXXIV. *Letters patent of the Community acknowledging their debt of* 10,000 *marks.*

Box 18, No. 149. [March 6, 1361.] A touz yceux qe cestes lettres verrount ou orrount le meir & la comunalte de Leycestre salutz en dieu. Sachez nous estre tenuz & par ceste escript oblige a nostre tres honore seignour Henri Duc de Lancastre en dis mil mars dargent a paier a lui ou a ses heirs ou executours en la fest de seint Michel larchangel prochein auenir apres la confectioun de cestes en son Chastel de Leycestre: a quel paiment bien loialment

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community of Leicester our manor of Wrangle in Holland in the county of Lincoln with all its liberties and appurtenances, without reserving anything for ourselves: to have and to hold to the said Mayor and community and their successors, the burgesses of Leicester, of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed, freely, quietly, well and peacefully for ever...These being witnesses: Dom William abbot of Leicester, Sir John Charnells clerk, lord William de Ferrers, lord of Groby, Robert Herle, John of Buckland, John Folville, knights, Sir Roger of Burton clerk, Simon Symeon and others. Dated in our Castle of Leicester on the 6th day of March in the 35th year of the reign of King Edward the Third after the Conquest.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, the Mayor and the commonalty of Leicester greeting in God. Know that we are bound and by this writing obliged to our much honoured lord Henry Duke of Lancaster in 10,000 marks of silver to be paid to him or his heirs or executors on the feast of St Michael the Archangel next coming after the making of these presents, in his Castle of Leicester; and we bind ourselves and our successors by these

a faire en la forme susdite nous obligomez nous & nos successours par cestes noz presentes lettres. En tesmoignaunce de quel chose a cestes noz lettres patentes nous auomes mys nostre commune seal. Escript en nostre Gyhale de Leycestre le sisme iour de mars lan du regne le Roi Edward tiers puis le conquest trent quinte.

[Seal: the cinquefoil of the community of Leicester as XXXIV, legend effaced, in green wax, attached by parchment tag.]

LXXV. *Letters Patent of the Community appointing Attornies to receive seisin of Wrangle.*

Box 18, No. 158. [March 6, 1361.] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint Maior et communitas Leycestrie salutem in domino. Noueritis nos assignasse et loco nostro posuisse dilectos nobis Johannem Receivour, Rogerum de Knyghtecote, et Rogerum de Belgraue de Leycestria attornatos nostros et quemlibet eorum per se attornatum nostrum ad recipiendam seisinam nomine nostro de manerio de Wrangel in Holond in comitatu Lincolnie cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis suis secundum formam et tenorem cuiusdam carte per illustrem dominum dominum Henricum ducem Lancastrie, comitem Derbeye, Lincolnie et Leycestrie, Senescallum Anglie, nobis facte, ratum habituros et gratum quicquit iidem Joh., Rog. et Rog. nomine nostro fecerint seu unus eorum fecerit in pre-

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our present letters to make that payment very faithfully in the form above written. In witness whereof to these our letters patent we have set our common seal. Written in our Gildhall of Leicester the 6th day of March in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King Edward the Third since the Conquest.

To all Christ's faithful people to whom the present letters may come, the Mayor and community of Leicester greeting in the Lord. Know that we have assigned and put in our place our well-beloved John Receiver[1], Roger of Knightcote and Roger of Belgrave of Leicester our attorneys and each of them by himself our attorney to receive seisin in our name of the manor of Wrangle in Holland in the county of Lincoln with all its liberties and appurtenances according to the form and tenour of a certain charter made for us by the illustrious lord, lord Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester, Steward of England, ratifying and accepting whatever the said John, Roger, and Roger or one of them shall do in our name in the

[1] I.e. John Hayward, Receiver.

missis. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus litteris nostris patentibus sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Datum in aula gilde Leycestrie sexto die Marcii a.r.r. Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo quinto.

[Seal as in XXXIV.]

LXXVI. *Duke Henry's Letters Patent appointing Attornies to deliver seisin of Wrangle.*

Box 10, No. 157. [March 6, 1361.] (In like form Duke Henry appoints Simon Symeon his steward in the county of Lincoln, and Robert of Elkington his lieutenant there, and Robert of Arnesby his steward of Leicester as his attorneys to deliver seisin in his name to the Mayor and community of Leicester of his manor of Wrangle, to have and to hold to them and their successors, burgesses of Leicester, for ever according to the form and tenour of a certain charter of his made for the said Mayor and community. Dated at the Castle, 6 March, 35 Ed. III.)

[Two green and two brown silk tags, without seals.]

LXXVII. *Agreement concerning Toll.*

Box 18, Nos. 152, 153, Box 10, Nos. 154, 155[1]. [March 6, 1361.] A tous yceux qe cestes lettres endentez verrount ou orrount Henri Duc de Lancastre, Count de Derby, Nichole et Leycestre, Seneschal Dengleterre, salutz en dieu. Come le meir e la comunalte de Leycestre nous soient tenuz et obligez par lour escript obligatorie en dis mil mars dargent a paier a nous, noz heirs ou a noz executours en la fest de seint Michel larchangel prochein apres la confeccion de cestes en nostre chastel de Leycestre come par le dit escript pleinement apert:

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premisses[2]. In witness whereof to our present letters patent we have set our common seal. Dated in the Gildhall of Leicester on the 6th day of March, in the 35th year of the reign of King Edward the Third after the Conquest.

[3]To all those who shall see or hear these indented letters, Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester, Steward of England, greeting in God. Whereas the Mayor and the commonalty of Leicester are bound and obliged to us by their writing obligatory in 10,000 marks of silver to be paid to us, our heirs or our executors on the feast of St Michael the Archangel next after the making of these presents in our Castle of Leicester, as by the said writing fully appears: notwithstanding we will and grant for us, our heirs

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[1] A copy made probably in 1604.

[2] As expressed in the beginning of the deed.

[3] There is a 17th century translation in Box 10, No. 156.

nepurquant nous volomes & grantomes pour nous, noz heirs & noz executours qe si les auantditz Meir et comunalte nous enfeffent ou sont prestez de nous enfeffer par endenture del manoir de Wrangel en Holond en le countee de Nichole ov les appurtinaunces deinz oeut simaignes procheins apres ceo qe eaux eient entierment et pleinment la possession et seisine du dit manoir ov touz maners fraunchises & appurtinaunces de nostre doun & feffement, quel endenture serra en manere & forme qensut:—*Ceste endenture fait par entre le noble homme monsieur Henri Duc de Lancastre, Count de Derby, Nichole & Leycestre & Seneschal de Engleterre dun part & le Meir & la communalte de la ville de Leycestre dautre part tesmoigne qe come le Roi Henri fitz au Roi Johan, besaiel nostre seignour le Roi qorest, dona, graunta & par sa chartre conferma a sire Esmund son fitz, aiel a dit Duc qi heir il est, le honour & la ville de Leycestre ov les appurtenantz a auoir & tener a lui & a ses heirs de son corps engendrez de dit Roi Henri et ses heirs, et sil deuiat saunz heir de son corps engendre qe les auantditz honour & ville retournasent au dit Roi Henri & a ces heirs par resoun des queux honour et ville le dit Duc come cosyn & heir le dit Sire Esmund ad entre autres fraunchises, Tolun, Stallage, Pickage, & Tronage en la dite ville de Leycestre & auxint Thoroutol chescun iour de la simaigne deinz mesme la ville de Leycestre & suburbe de ycele et deinz certeines boundes enuiroun la

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and our executors that if the aforesaid Mayor and commonalty enfeoff us or are ready to enfeoff us by indenture of the manor of Wrangle in Holland in the county of Lincoln with the appurtenances within eight weeks following after they have had entirely and fully the possession and seisin of the said manor with all manner of franchises and appurtenances of our gift and feoffment, which indenture shall be in manner and form as follows:—This indenture made between the noble man my lord Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester and Steward of England of the one part, and the Mayor and commonalty of the town of Leicester of the other part, witnesses that whereas the King Henry, son to King John, great-grandfather of our lord the King that now is, did give, grant and by his charter confirm to Sir Edmund his son, grandfather to the said Duke, whose heir he is, the honour and the town of Leicester with the appurtenances, to have and to hold to him and his heirs of his body begotten, of the said King Henry and his heirs, and if he died without heir of his body begotten, that the aforesaid honour and town should return to the said King Henry and his heirs, by reason of which honour and town the said Duke as kinsman and heir of the said Sir Edmund has amongst other franchises, Toll, Stallage, Pickage and Tronage in the said town of Leicester and also Throughtoll every day of the week within the same town of Leicester and the suburb thereof, and within

dite ville queux sount apellez Tolmerkes, le quel Duc de sa bon seignourie desiraunt encresse & concours de gentz a la dite ville & quiete des marchaundes & autres illeosques venauntz receauntz & demorrauntz ad graunte & par ceste escript endente conferme au ditz meir & comunalte que eaux, lour heirs & lour successours & tutes autres en la dite ville & suburbe de ycele demorrauntz ou receauntz & auxint touz autres si auant foreins come deniscins de quel condicion qils soient en venauntz demorrauntz ou passauntz desore enauant soient quitez & en tut deschargez de touz maners de Tolunz, Stallages, Pickages, Tronages & Thoroutol & fines par cause de vend ou de achate deinz les ville, suburbes & Tolmerkes auantditz a touz iours: Et auxint le dit Duc veout & graunt pour lui & pour ses heirs & assignez a touz iours & touz ceaux quels aueront la seignourie de la dite ville de Leycestre, que nul marchaund ne autre, deniseine ne forein, soit destourbe de venir & marchaunder deinz les auauntditz ville & suburbes, ne illeosques deinz les places de Feire & Marche vses & acustumes ne ailours deinz mesmes la ville & suburbes pour picher ou stalles mettre ou faire par cause de marchaundise enpechez, ne deinz les ditz places & ailours en les ditz ville & suburbes pour nul manere de marchaundise mettre a vend soient deneiez, destourbez ne greuez par nul homme, ne que les ditz places de Feire ou de

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certain bounds around the said town, which are called Toll-marks, which said Duke of his good lordship desiring the increase and concourse of people to the said town and the quiet of merchants and others thither coming, residing and abiding has granted and by this indented writing has confirmed to the said Mayor and commonalty that they, their heirs and their successors, and all others in the said town and suburb of the same abiding or residing and also all others as well foreigners as denizens[1], of what condition soever they be, in coming, abiding or leaving from henceforth shall be quit and entirely discharged of all manner of Tolls, Stallages, Pickages, Tronages and Throughtoll and fines, by reason of selling or buying within the town, suburbs and Toll-marks aforesaid for ever: And also the said Duke wills and grants for himself and for his heirs and assigns for ever and all those who shall have the lordship of the said town of Leicester, that no merchant or other, denizen or foreigner, shall be disturbed in coming and trading within the said town and suburbs, or be hindered there within the places of the Fair and Market used and accustomed, or elsewhere within the said town and suburbs, from pitching, setting or making of stalls for merchandise, nor be prohibited, disturbed or aggrieved by any man from exposing for sale any manner of merchandise within the said places and elsewhere in the said town and suburbs, and that the said places

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[1] The 17th century translation is "freemen."

Marche soient artez, amenusez ou edefiez en destresse ou a nusaunce de Feire ou Marche a tener deinz la ville & suburbe auantditz, ne que mesme la Feire & Marche soient par defaute de dit Duc ou ses heirs ou ses assignez ou par autre qi auera la seignourie de la dite ville perduz ne defaitz, ne les iours de les ditz Feire & Marche, que ore sount, soient chaungez, ne que nul autre Feire ou Marche deinz mesmes les ditz ville & suburbes apres ses houres de nouel soit purchasez: Et que les auantdit meir & comunalte & lour successours eiount lordinaunce & la rai de la dit Feire solonc le grant autre foitz a eaux grauntez par lour dit seignour le Duc, pur quel grant & conferment & en lieu des fraunchesses, profites & comoditez auantditz deinz les auantditz ville de Leycestre, suburbes & Tolmerkes aprendre, les auantditz Meir & comunalte ount graunte & par ceste endenture conferme a dit Duc le manoir de Wrangel in Holonde en le counte de Nicole ov les appurtenauntz, a auoir & tener a lui & a ses heirs de son corps engendre quels aueront la seignourie de la dite ville de Leycestre sur condicion qe ensut, cestassauoir qe les ditz Meir & comunalte lour heirs & lour successours and touz autres ausi bien foreins come deniseins eiount & enioient touz les aquitaunces, descharges & vauntages, fraunchises & touz autres pointz, grauntez & articles auantditz saunz enpechement ou destourbaunce du dit Duc

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of the Fair or Market shall not be straitened, diminished or built upon, in distress or annoyance of the Fair or Market to be held within the town and suburb aforesaid, and that the said Fair and Market, by default of the said Duke or his heirs or assigns or by any other who shall have the seignoury of the said town, shall not be lost or undone, and that the days of the said Fair and Market which now are, shall not be changed, and that any other Fair or Market within the said town and suburbs shall not hereafter be newly purchased: And that the aforesaid Mayor and commonalty and their successors shall have the ordinance and the array of the said Fair according to the grant formerly granted to them by their said lord the Duke; for which grant and confirmation and in lieu of the franchises, profits and commodities aforesaid to be taken within the aforesaid town of Leicester, the suburbs and toll-marks, the aforesaid Mayor and commonalty have granted and by this indenture have confirmed to the said Duke the manor of Wrangle in Holland in the county of Lincoln, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold to him and his heirs of his body begotten who shall have the lordship of the said town of Leicester, upon the condition following, that is to say that the said Mayor and commonalty, their heirs and successors and all others, as well foreigners as denizens, shall have and enjoy all the acquittances, discharges and advantages, franchises and all other points, grants and articles aforesaid, without hindrance or disturbance of the said Duke or his heirs or assigns or

ou ses heirs ou assignes ou autres eiantz la seigneurie de la dite ville ou de lour ministres ou fermers: Et auxi qe le dit manoir de Wrangel ne soit seuere en nul manere de nulli qi auera la seignourie de la dite ville de Leycestre par pourpartie ne alienacion ne autre manere ne charge: Et sil auigne, que dieu defend, que le dit Duc deuie saunz heir de son corps engendre, que le dit manoir de Wrangel ov les appurtenauntz remeigne a les heirs lauantdit sire Esmund nadgairs Count de Leycestre de son corps engendrez quels aueront la seignourie de la dite ville de Leycestre, en lieu des profites & fraunchises & comoditez auantnomez en les auantditz ville de Leycestre, suburbes & Tolmerkes, a tener en mesme la manere & forme & solonc les condiciouns auantditz en touz pointz: Et si auigne que les ditz heirs engendrez de corps de dit sire Esmund deuient saunz heirs de lour corps engendrez, que le dit manoir de Wrangel ou les appurtinauntz remeigne a nostre seignour le Roi Dengleterre & a ses heirs a touz iours en lieu des profitez & fraunchises & comoditez auantnomez deinz les ville de Leycestre, suburbes & Tolmerkes auantditz, aprendre et a tener en mesme la forme & solonc les condiciouns auantditz en tutz pointes: Et sil auigne que les auantditz Meir et[1] comunalte, lour heirs ou lour successours ou ascuns autres foreins ou deniseins, de quels condiciouns quils sount, soient

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others having the lordship of the said town, or of their ministers or farmers: and also that the said manor of Wrangle shall not be in any way severed by any who shall have the lordship of the said town of Leicester by pourparty or alienation or other manner or charge: And if it happen, which God forbid, that the said Duke die without heir of his body begotten, that the said manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances shall remain to the heirs of the aforesaid Sir Edmund late Earl of Leicester of his body begotten who shall have the lordship of the said town of Leicester, in lieu of the profits and franchises and commodities aforesaid in the aforesaid town of Leicester, the suburbs and toll-marks, to hold in the same manner and form and according to the conditions aforesaid in all points: And if it happen that the said heirs begotten of the body of the said Sir Edmund die without heirs of their bodies begotten, that the said manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances shall remain to our lord the King of England and his heirs for ever in lieu of the profits and franchises and commodities aforenamed within the town of Leicester, the suburbs and toll-marks aforesaid, to take and to hold in the same form and according to the conditions aforesaid in all points: And if it happen that the aforesaid Mayor and commonalty, their heirs or their successors or any others foreigners or denizens, of what condition so ever they are, be from henceforth

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[1] Incorrectly *ou* in No. 152; *et* in 153.

apres ses houres destreinz, destourbes, enpechez, deneiez, molestez ou greuez encountre les aquitaunces, descharges, grauntez & autres articles auantditz en ascun point par le dit Duc ou ses heirs auantditz ou assignez ou par les heirs le dit sire Esmund de son corps engendrez ou lours assignez ou par nostre seignour le Roi ou ses heirs ou ses assignez ou par lour ministres de lour comaundement ou assent, ou en cas que les ditz ministres facent rien de lour teste & defaute demesne encountre ascuns des pointz, fraunchises ou articles auantditz & ne soit couenablement redresse deinz le primer demy an prochein ensuaunt apres ceo que ceo soit notefie a seignour de la dite ville de Leycestre qi pour le temps sera sil soit en Engleterre ou a son general attorne en cas qil soit dela la mer, ou que le dit manoir de Wrangel ou parcel de y ceo soit seuere par pourpartie, alienacion ou en ascun autre manere dascuny qi auera la seignourie de la dite ville de Leycestre encountre la forme auantdite, ou qe le dit manoir de Wrangel soit perdu par defaute ou couigne, fraude ou assent, en ascun manere par ascun qi auera le dit manoir de Wrangel, qe les feffementz et remeyndrez auantditz de manoir de Wrangel soient voidez et pour nulls tenuz: et qe bien lise au ditz Meir et comunalte et a lour successours le dit manoir de Wrangel ov les appurtinauntz entrer et retener descharge come orest, et quite a eaux et a lour successours a touz iours en quel manies qil soit troue saunz

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distrained, disturbed, hindered, denied, molested or aggrieved, contrary to the acquittances, discharges, grants and other articles aforesaid in any point by the said Duke or his heirs aforesaid or assigns or by the heirs of the said Sir Edmund of his body begotten or their assigns or by our lord the King or his heirs or his assigns or by their ministers by their commandment or consent, or in case that the said ministers do any thing out of their own wilfulness and default contrary to any of the points, franchises or articles aforesaid and if it be not properly redressed within the first half year next following after the same is made known to the lord of the said town of Leicester, who for the time shall be, if he be in England, or to his general attorney in case that he be beyond sea, or that the said manor of Wrangle or parcel thereof be severed by pourparty, alienation or in any other manner by any that shall have the lordship of the said town of Leicester contrary to the form aforesaid, or that the said manor of Wrangle be lost by default, or plot, fraud or assent in any manner by any who shall have the said manor of Wrangle, that the feoffments and remainders aforesaid of the manor of Wrangle be void and holden for nought: and that it shall be lawful to the said Mayor and commonalty and their successors to enter into the said manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances and keep it discharged as now it is, and free to them and their successors for ever in whosesoever hands it shall be

countredit de nulli: et qi que sera troue tenaunt del dit manoir de Wrangel ou les appurtinauntz de tut ouster*: quele endenture portra date qaunt ceo serra fait,—que adonque le dit escript obligatorie soit tenu pour nul einz de tut perde sa force et soit rebaile au ditz Meir et comunalte et dampne pur touz iours: En tesmoignaunce de quel chose al vn partie cel endenture deuers le ditz meir et comunalte[1] demorraunt nous le dit Duc ad mys nostre seal et al autre part de mesme lendenture deuers nous demorrant les auantditz Meir et comunalte ount mys lour commune seal. Escript en nostre Chastel de Leycestre le sesme iour de mars lan du regne le Roi Edward tiers puis le conquest trent quinte.

[Seals: No. 152 has Henry Duke of Lancaster's seal in green wax, imperfect. See LVII. No. 153 has the seal of the community of Leicester, in green wax, legend effaced. See XXXIV.]

LXXVIII. *Duke Henry's order to the tenants of Wrangle to attorn to the Mayor and Community of Leicester.*

Box 10, No. 160. Box 18, No. 159. [March 11, 1361.] Henri Duc de Lancastre, Counte de Derby, de Nicole et de Leycestre, Seneschal Dengleterre, a touz noz tenauntz de nostre manoir de Wrangel en la countee de Nicole saluz en dieu. Come nous eioms done & graunte a noz chers & bien amez le Meir & comunalte de

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found, without contradiction of any: And to entirely oust him that shall be found tenant of the said manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances: which indenture shall bear date when the same shall be made,—that then the said writing obligatory shall be held as void and entirely lose its force and be redelivered to the said Mayor and commonalty and cancelled for ever: In witness whereof to the one part of this indenture remaining with the said Mayor and commonalty we the said Duke have put our seal, and to the other part of the same indenture remaining with us the said Mayor and commonalty have put their common seal. Written in our Castle of Leicester the 6th day of March, the 35th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest.

Henry Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, of Lincoln and of Leicester, Steward of England, to all our tenants of our manor of Wrangle in the county of Lincoln, greeting in God. Whereas we have given and granted to our dear and well-beloved the Mayor and commonalty of our town of Leicester,

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[1] No. 154 has, written under this and scratched through, "A cestes noz lettres patentes auomes mys nostre seal."

nostre ville de Leycestre nostre manoir de Wrangel ou les appurtenauntz a eux & a leur successours as touz iours come piert par noz lettres patentes a eux ent faites, si mandoms a vous & a chescun de vous que vous attornez et soiez entendauntz a eux en manere come apent, issint que lour estat puisse desorenauaunt †notairement† estre soeffisaunt & come a plein. Et ceo ne lessez issint que deffaute en vous ne soit troue comes vous voillez lendignacion de nous eschuir. Done a nostre chastel de Leycestre le XI iour de Marz, lan du regne nostre seigneur le Roi Edward tierz puis le conqueste trentisme quint.

[No. 159 has Henry Duke of Lancaster's seal, imperfect, in green wax, appended by parchment tag. See LVII.]

LXXIX. *Surrender of the farmers of Wrangle.*

Box 18, No. 161. [March 14, 1361.] Ceste endenture tesmoigne que John Lambe & Richard Dandysone fermiers du manoir de Wrangle du lees le tres honorable seignour Duk de Lancastre suysrendunt le dit manoir & tout lour estat de ycele par cestes au Meir & comunalte de Leycestre a auoir et tener a eaux & a lour successours a toutz iours solonk la forme & tenure de la chartre de feaffement lauaundit Duc au ditz Meir & comunalte ent feit. En tesmoignaunce de quele chose a ceste endenture les auant-

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our manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances, to them and their successors for ever, as appears by our letters patent made for them thereupon, we order you and each of you that you attorn[1] and be attendant[2] unto them in the manner due, so that their estate[3] may henceforth be notoriously sufficient and fully established free from doubt. And do not neglect this so that fault be found in you, as you desire to escape our anger. Given at our Castle of Leicester on the 11th day of March in the 35th year of the reign of our lord the King Edward the third since the Conquest.

This indented writing testifies that John Lamb and Richard Dandyson farmers of the manor of Wrangle by the lease of the very honourable lord Duke of Lancaster surrender the said manor and all their estate in the same by these presents to the Mayor and commonalty of Leicester, to have and to hold to them and their successors for ever according to the form and tenour of the charter of feoffment of the aforesaid Duke made to the said Mayor and commonalty thereupon. In witness whereof to this indented writing the

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[1] In the sense of agreeing formally to be the tenant of the new landlord.
[2] Owe service to. [3] Legal position.

ditz John & Richard dun part & John Receyuour, Rogier de Knyghtecote & Rogier de Belgrave de Leycestre attornez les auaunditz Meir & comunalte dautre part entrechaungeablement ount mys lour seals. Done a Wrangle le quatorzyme iour de Marcz lan du regne le Roy Edward tierce puis le conquest trentysme quynt.

[Two seals obliterated, in red wax, appended by parchment tags. One is oval, one round.]

LXXX. *Agreement concerning Toll.*

Box 10, Nos. 163, 164. [March 23, 1361.] The indenture as in LXXVII above from * (p. 117) to * (p. 122). Sealing clause as on p. 122. Then: Par yceaux tesmoignes: William abbe de Leycestre, Sire Johan Charnelles clerc, monsieur William de Ferrers, seigneur de Groby, Mons. Robert Herle, Mons. Johan de Bokelond, Mons. Johan Foluill, chiualers, Sire Roger de Burton clerc, Simond Symeon & autres. Done a Leycestre le vintisme tiers iour de Mars, cest assauoir le Marsdi prochein apres le dimange de palmes lan du regne le roi Edward tiers puis le conquest trent quinte.

No. 164 then adds the following sentence:

Mesme le iour[1] en le matine et mesme lan susdit le dit Duc deuia a Leycestre et illeosque est il seuele en la nouel eoure, cest assauoir en le Newerk.

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aforesaid John and Richard of the one part, and John Receiver, Roger of Knightcote and Roger of Belgrave of Leicester, attorneys of the aforesaid Mayor and commonalty of the other part, have interchangeably set their seals. Given at Wrangle the 14th day of March in the 35th year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest.

By these witnesses, William abbot of Leicester, Sir John Charnelles clerk, Sir Will. de Ferrers, lord of Groby, Sir Rob. Herle, Sir John of Buckland, Sir John Folville, knights, Sir Roger of Burton clerk, Simon Symeon and others. Given at Leicester the 23rd day of March, that is to say the Tuesday next after Palm Sunday, the 35th year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest.

On the same day in the aforesaid year in the morning the said Duke died at Leicester and there he is buried in the new work, that is to say in the Newark.

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[1] *Dict. Nat. Biog.* says wrongly May 13.

LXXXI. *Inquest Post Mortem on the possessions of the Duke of Lancaster in Lincolnshire.*

Box 10, No. 165[1]. [Ap. 8, 1361.] (Inquest taken at Horncastle on Ap. 8, 35 Ed. III. before Walter de Kelly, the King's escheator in the county of Lincoln by the oath of Will. Martell of Scamelsby, John of Willoughby of Ashby, Rob. Holm of Langton, John of Rathby of Scotby, Will. of Aswardby, Rob. of Alford, Phil. of Thursthorp, Peter of Boseby, Phil. of Enderby, Will. of Strayfield, Will. at the Garth, and John of Goadby, jurors, who say on oath that Henry late Duke of Lancaster held of the King in chief on the day he died in the service of 14 knights fees in the said county belonging to the castle of Lancaster; each fee rendered for the ward of the said castle 10*s.* on Midsummer Day, and so the said 14 fees are worth to the lord of the fee £7. There is there a certain court called *Retrocour*[2] whose perquisites are worth 20*s.* a year. The Duke died on the 23rd March 1361, and had a daughter named Blanche whom John Earl of Richmond[3] married in her 18th year, and another daughter named Maud whom William Duke of Holland[4] married, aged 20 years and more, but whether the said Matilda be living or not or whether she has lawful issue or not, they do not know. But if she lives or is dead and her issue survives, she or her issue so surviving and the said Blanche are the nearest heirs of this Duke.)

LXXXII. *Inquest Post Mortem on the possessions of the Duke in Leicester.*

Box 10, Nos. 166[5], 167[6]. [Ap. 24, 1361.] Inquest taken before John of Windsor, escheator of the lord King in the counties of Warwick and Leicester, at Leicester on Saturday next after the feast of St George 35 Ed. III., by virtue of the lord King's writ sewed to this inquest[7], by oath of Will. Goldsmith, Geoff. Kent, John Keling, Will. Leverich, John of Tur Langton, Tho. Louesele, John of the hill (del Hull) of Hinckley, Henry Cartwright of the same, Robert of Itchington, Tho. Andrew, Rob. Fromer and John of Sheldon, who say on their oath that Henry late Duke of Lancaster held of the lord King in chief on the day he died the castle and honour of Leicester in the said county, which castle is worth nothing a year beyond reprises. And there are in the said manor £29. 17*s.* 10½*d.* of assised rents. And £8 stirling from the perquisites of the "Portmonnesmot." And £5. 6*s.* 8*d.* from perquisites of the view of frankpledge of that town. And £5 from the assizes of beer broken, to be paid at the feast of Whitsuntide. And 40*s.* from stalls of butchers to be paid at the feasts of Easter, Whitsuntide and Michaelmas in equal portions. And 10*s.* of rent of the booths in the market to be paid at the feasts of Whitsuntide, Michaelmas and Candlemas. And in the said manor there is a certain water-mill and it is charged to Master Nicholas the cook in £5 etc.* And they

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[1] A copy, examined by H. Elsynge, 12 Nov., 1605, and probably made at that date.

[2] Retro-com(itatus) a rere-court held after the full County-court, where the King's money is collected. *Stat. West.* II. c. 39. Cf. *Cal. Inq. Post Mort.* II. p. 236, "Retrecombe curia."

[3] John of Gaunt.

[4] Count of Holland, Duke of Bavaria, son of the Emperor Louis of Bavaria.

[5] A copy examined by M. Heneage, 1599, and probably made at that date.

[6] A copy examined by Peter Probyn, Nov. 15, 1604, and probably made at that date.

[7] The writ is not in the copy.

say that the said Duke died on Tuesday next before the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary last past. And that Maud and Blanche his daughters are his nearest heirs. And that the said Maud is of age 22 years and more, and the said Blanche is of age 19 years and more. In witness whereof the aforesaid Jurors have set their seals to this inquest*.

Instead of* to* No. 166 has "for a year and more. It is worth nothing a year. Item a certain wind-mill that is worth nothing a year beyond reprises. And the aforesaid £29. 17*s.* 10½*d.* worth of yearly rent is paid at the feasts of Whitsuntide, Michaelmas and Candlemas by equal portions. Item there is in the said manor a certain wood called The Frith, whose herbage is worth 40*s.* a year. Item the said Duke held of the King in chief the manor of Hinckley etc. So far it agrees with the record."

LXXXIII. *Agreement between John of Gaunt and the Executors of Duke Henry.*

Box 10, No. 174[1]. [Nov. 14, 1361.] Ceste endenture faite parentre lui tres noble seignour Johan Counte de Lancastre et de Richemond dune parte, et messieurs Roberte de la Mare et Johan de Buckland chivalers, sire Johan de Charnelles clerc, et Johan de Neumarche, executours et administratours del testament lui †nobles† home Henri duc de Lancastre, qui dieu absoille, dauter parte testmoigne que come le dit noble home Duc de Lancastre dona as certaines gentes certeines terres a tener tanque ses dettes soient pleinemente paies, ses ovrages faites et ses auters voluntees contenues en une lettre soutes sone seale pleinemente accomplies, si ses biens et chatealx ne †vorrent† a ceo suffire come pluis au plein piert par les

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This indented writing made between the very noble lord John Earl of Lancaster[2] and Richmond, of the one part, and Sir Robert de la Mare and Sir John of Buckland knights, Sir John de Charnelles clerk and John de Neufmarché, executors and administrators of the will of the noble man Henry Duke of Lancaster, whom God assoil, of the other part, testifies that whereas the said noble man the Duke of Lancaster gave to certain people certain lands to hold until his debts be fully paid, his works done and his other desires, contained in a letter under his seal, fully accomplished, if his goods and chattels would not suffice for this, as more plainly appears by the said letters, that all the said wishes being carried out, the said persons so

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[1] Copy of c. 1604.

[2] He succeeded to the earldom in right of his wife. He was not made Duke till Nov. 13, 1362; the earldoms of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester were his on the death of the eldest sister Maud, 10 Ap., 1362.

ditz lettres, que toutz les ditz voluntez accompliez meisme les issint enfeoffes deuroient enfeoffer des meismes les terres le dit noble seignour Johan counte de Lancastre et de Richemond et ma dame dame Blanche sa campaigne avoire et tenire as eux et a lez heires de leur corpes engendres: Sur quoi le dit noble home monsieur le counte de Lancastre et de Richemond desirant de sauoir lestat pleinemente des ditz executours a fin que si les moebles et dettes le dit noble duc purroient suffire a parfaire ses voluntes quadonques les dits terres lui serront dones selonc la voluntes le dit noble duc: Sur quoi messieurs Robert de la Mare, John de Bukland, Sire John de Charnelles et John Neumarches, executoures et administratoures avantdites vnt monstre au dit honorable seignour counte de Lancastre et de Richemond et a sun sage counseill pleinement leur estate touchant lexecucion du dit testament a present issint que la some dez dettes, rewardes, restitucions, ovrages et autres leur charges passent vne grand some de le inventoire des dettes et des toutes autres proffittes des queuz les dites executoures vnt a presente conisaunce: Sur quoi est assentuz et accordez parentre lui tres noble home Counte de Lancastre et de Richemond et sun sage conseil et les executoures et administratours du dit testament que deux sages de part le dit noble Counte irront a ses costages ouesque les ditez executors ou leur deputies sur les terres que furent au dit †honorables†

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enfeoffed ought to enfeoff with the said lands the said noble lord John Earl of Lancaster and Richmond and my lady Lady Blanche his consort, to have and to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies begotten: Whereon the said noble man my lord the Earl of Lancaster and Richmond desiring to know fully the estate of the said executors, in order that if the goods and debts of the said noble Duke might suffice to carry out his desires, that then the said lands should be given to him according to the desire of the said noble Duke: Whereon Sir Robert de la Mare, Sir John of Buckland, Sir John de Charnelles and John de Neufmarché, executors and administrators aforesaid, have fully shewn the said honourable lord Earl of Lancaster and Richmond and his wise Council their estate touching the execution of the said will at present, so that the sum of the debts, rewards, restitutions, works and their other charges exceed by a large sum the inventory of the debts and all other profits whereof the said executors have cognisance at present: Whereon it is agreed to and accorded between the very noble man the Earl of Lancaster and Richmond and his wise Council and the executors and administrators of the said will, that two wise men on the said noble Earl's behalf shall go at his costs with the said executors or their deputies on to the lands which belonged to the said honourable Duke and shall oversee

duc et surverront toutz les accomptes des toutz les ministres que feurent au dit duc sur toute ses terres et auxint des toutes les proffittes que les ditz executours vnt prise droiturelement ou auront a prendre des terres dont eaux et autres sont issint enfeoffes : Et auxint toutes autres proffittes qas eaux aparteignent avoire et auxint la charge qa ore nest monstirs soit en temps futur ouertmente monstres et loialment saunz mal engin, au fin que le dit noble duc puisse estre certifies des detes issint dues par le dit noble duc. Et les ditz executours et administratours promettent en bone foi de faire assavoir au dit noble counte toutes lez profites dez dettes et autere choses que purrent estre resonablement leuez en tempes avenir en descharge de leur conscience et qilles enfeofferont le dit noble counte de toutes lez terres de lonour de Tuttebury quelle part quelles soient et del scit du Chastel et del parke de Bolingbroke et des toutes les fees des Chivalers, et auowesons en countee de Nicole les queux ils vnt du doun le dit noble duc forsprises les villes de Brassington, Matloke et Hertingdon dedeinz quelles villes la Dame de Walkington aura cent liurees de terr[e] a terme de sa vie. Et le dit noble Counte promette en sa loialtees destre aidantz as ditz executours et administratours es toutes choses qiles vnt a faire touchante le dit testamente et que les ditz executours et administratours puissent fraunchement tenir et enioyer toutes les

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all the accounts of all the ministers belonging to the said Duke on all his lands, and also of all the profits which the said executors have taken by right or shall have to take from the lands of which they and others are thus enfeoffed : And also to see all other profits which belong to them and also the charge which now is not shewn shall be in time to come openly shewn and loyally without fraud, in order that the said noble Duke may be certified of the debts thus owed by the said noble Duke. And the said executors and administrators promise in good faith to make known to the said noble Earl all the profits of the debts and other things which may be reasonably levied in time to come in discharge of their conscience, and that they will enfeoff the said noble Earl of all the lands of the honour of Tutbury, wherever they may be, and of the site of the Castle and of the Park of Bolingbroke and of all the fees of the knights and advowsons in the county of Lincoln, which they have of the gift of the said noble Duke, excepting the vills of Brassington, Matlock and Hartingdon[1], in which vills the Lady of Walkington[2] shall have 100 librates of land for the term of her life. And the said noble Earl promises in his loyalty to aid the said executors and administrators in all things that they have to do touching the said will, and that the said executors and administrators may freely hold and enjoy all the profits of the town of Bolingbroke

[1] All in Derbyshire.

[2] Yorkshire.

profites de la †villa† de Bolinbrok, forspris le scit del Chastell, le parc, les fees et auowsons suisdites et toutes les autres terres en le Counte de Nicole que furent au dit noble Duc dont il enfeoffa lonorable †piere† en dieu Evesqe de Nicole le †nobles† home le Counte Darundell et les dites executours et administratours et autres come pluis au plein piert par lescrit del feoffement as eaux fait tanque les ditz voluntes †lui† noble Duc suisdit soient pleinement accomplies. Et auxint voet †lui† noble Counte de Lancastre et de Richemond que les rewardz que sont faites et sount affaire soient perfourmes pleinement solonc le purport †des† ses lettres ent faitz. Et pur ceo ne soient les ditz executours empesches nendamages et ceo qills vnt faitz qamente par estimacion oet cent liures estoise saunz estre de ceo empesches. Et auxint promette le dit noble Counte de Lancastre et de Richemond que toutes lez dettz dues as dites executours devant le ioure de la date dicestes serront leuez par lez ditz executours nientcontresteant le feoffement susdit; les ministres le dit noble Counte serront en aide en la leuee des dites deniers issint as eux dues, et †promettant† les ditz executours que si loialment soit †monstres† qils vnt ou auront dont ils serront reasonablement charges des biens et chatealx sufficeantz a parfaire les voluntes le dit Duc come est escrit; que ils enfeofferont le dit noble Counte et sa

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except the site of the Castle, the Park, the fees, and advowsons abovesaid, and all the other lands in the county of Lincoln which belonged to the said noble Duke with which he enfeoffed the honourable father in God the Bishop of Lincoln and the noble man the Earl of Arundel and the said executors and administrators and others as more fully appears by the writing of the feoffment made to them, until the said wishes of the noble Duke abovesaid are fully carried out. And also the noble Earl of Lancaster and Richmond wills that the rewards which are made or to be made shall be made fully according to the purport of his letters made thereof. And for this purpose the said executors shall not be hindered or damaged, and that which they have done, which amounts by estimation to £800, shall stand without [their] being impeached concerning it. And also the said noble Earl of Lancaster and Richmond promises that all the debts due to the said executors before the day of the date of these presents shall be levied by the said executors, notwithstanding the feoffment abovesaid; the ministers of the said noble Earl shall assist in the levy of the said money thus due to them; and the said executors promise that if it shall be lawfully shown, that they have or shall have sufficient, wherewith they shall be reasonably charged from the goods and chattels, to carry out the wishes of the said Duke as is written; and that they shall enfeoff the said noble Earl and his consort of all the other lands in the said county of

compaigne de toutes les auters terres en le dit Countee de Nicole selonc[1] le voluntees le dit Duc. En tesmoignance de quelle chose lauantditz Johan Counte de Lancastre et de Richemond et les ditz executours et ministres as cestes presentes lettres entrechaungeablement vnt mis leur sealx. Done a le manoir de Sauuoye le XIIII jour de Novembre lan du regne nostre tres redoutez seigneur le Roy Edward tierz puis le conqueste Dengleterre trentisme quint.

LXXXIV. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 165. [1360–1.] Weighing of bread [Nov. 7, 1360] before John Cook then Mayor of Leicester, Thomas at the Grove bailiff there, Geoff. of Kent, and Roger of Belgrave Jurats. (List of offences.)

Weighing of bread made at Leicester being in the custody of the Earl of Richmond[2] [May 14, 1361] John Joy and "Magota" his wife because they would not put bread for sale in their windows but kept it in secret, in mercy. July 1 another weighing, and Sep. 10, when the price of the best wheat was 4*s*. a quarter.

LXXXV. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 38[3]. [1360–1.] Roll of John Cook, Mayor of the town of Leicester, of fines of those entering the Gild Merchant (29 Sep. 34 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 35 Ed. III.).

Final concord made in the Court of Portmanmoot of Leicester...after the feast of St Martin 34 Ed. III. before John Cook, Mayor, and...(Thomas and Matilda his wife grant to William son of John Clerk of Birstall a croft in the parish of All Saints between the croft of Thomas Gunfrey and the meadow called "Harders" in length, and the land of Roger of Beeby and the common pasture called the Marsh (le Mersche) in width. For which William paid 40*s*. of silver to Thomas and Matilda.)

Note that Ralph Ase was charged on Friday (Nov. 20) before the feast of St Catherine 34 Ed. III., before the Mayor and community, that he abused the collectors of silver for making the town quit of toll, pickage, stallage, tronage, and the said Ralph came and confessed and pledged mercy and was pardoned under this condition, that if he offended again he should pay the Mayor and community 20*s*. of silver without any redemption.

Entries. *Rad. Talman bucher, *Rob. de Lokyngton irnemonger, *Joh. de Willesford, *Will. Gower, *Joh. Bold, *Hen. Constapleman, *Joh. Skryven cook.

Lincoln according to the wishes of the said Duke. In witness whereof the aforesaid John Earl of Lancaster and Richmond and the said executors and ministers to these present letters have interchangeably set their seals. Given at the manor of Savoy the 14th day of November in the 35th year of the reign of our dread lord the king Edward the Third since the conquest of England.

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[1] MS. solent. [2] John of Gaunt. [3] Repaired, in parts illegible.

LXXXVI. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 164. [1361–2.] Nov. 22, 1361, the price of the quarter of best wheat was 4*s.* 6*d.*, before John Cook, the Mayor, and Philip of Tynemouth, bailiff. On Nov. 5, by the oath of 2 Jurats and 2 bakers who did not agree on the price, whereon several persons named (including the 2 bakers) were in mercy. The price varies from 4*s.* to 4*s.* 6*d.* during this year[1]. There are several cases of short weight in bread made of pease and beans.

LXXXVII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box L, No. 248 (11). [1361.] Tax of a custom given to the lady of Leicester[2] on her first coming. For divers small matters touching the business of the town in the 35th year.

(The Swinesmarket with 77 names pays £17. 14*s.* 8*d.* The South Quarter with 91 £8. 16*s.*, the North with 107 £9 odd (torn), and 50 not located—£10. 1*s.* 1*d.*)

LXXXVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 157. [1361–2.] Account of John Cook, Mayor of Leicester (Sep. 29, 35 Ed. III. to Sep. 29, 36 Ed. III.).

Arrears. And of £5. 15*s.* 7*d.* of arrears of his last preceding account.

(Gild-entries) £13. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Tallage. And of £6 received from...of the pence collected for a certain present given to the Duke of Lancaster[3] and the lady being [in Leicester] at their first coming by 1 tally.

And of £6. 2*s.* 5*d.* received...of the same tax (etc.)—£14. 11*s.* 1*d.*

Received on loan. And of £5 received on loan from Walter of Ashby for a certain present to the Duke of Lancaster being made by the assent of the community of the town. And of £5 from John of Scraptoft for the same. And of £5 from Roger of Belgrave and Walter of Lindrick for the same. And of £2 from Will. of Syston for the same. And of 20*s.* (from Rob. Porter, Tho. Wynger, and other similar sums from John of Peterborough, John of Stafford, John of Tilney (Tinley), Rob. of Mardefield, John Turnour, Will. of Thornton, Will. of Lubbesthorpe, Tho. of Nosely, Will. of Bushby, on loan).—£30. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total £64. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Expenses. Given to the Duke of Lancaster at his first coming under the name of present £20. (And to the lady £13. 6*s.* 8*d.*) Given to Sir Rob. of Swillington £2.—£35. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Fees (as usual, John of Sleaford serjeant of the Mayor. Fee to Ric. of Leicester)—£8.

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[1] Much lower than the prices quoted in Rogers I. 211.

[2] Lady Blanche of Lancaster, John of Gaunt's wife.

[3] John of Gaunt was made Duke Nov. 13, 1362.

Spent on him for gifts and small things. In the expenses of John Cook going to Tutbury to pay the aforesaid 20 marks to the lady there, when he would not have the cloth ordered for him 3*s.* (vbi noluit habere pannum sibi ordinatum). To the King's and Duke's messengers at various times this year 4*s.* In expenses of John Cook (and 3 others) going to Kenilworth for divers business of the town 7*s.* In expenses of a dinner made on the advice of the lady of Hainault[1] (Henaud) 14*s.* In expenses of Sir Godfrey Foljambe for one coming, when he came to receive seisin after the death of the lady of Hainault (Henaude) and staying for a day and a night 12*s.* 7*d.* To his clerk 3*s.* 4*d.* To his two yeomen (valett') 4*s.* To his groom 1*s.* In a beaver (?) hat (capella de buurie[2]) bought for the said Godfrey 16*s.* Given to Simon Simeon, one swan bought, and 2 gallons of wine bought 6*s.* 8*d.*; in expenses of Walter of Campden and others being with him for one night and a day £1. 0*s.* 3*d.* In expenses of the auditors of the Duke of Lancaster for one coming 10*s.* 11½*d.* In 1 quarter of oats bought and sent to Sir Henry of the Grove 4*s.* Given to Robert Clerk labouring concerning the business of the town, for his courtesy (ad curial' suam) 13*s.* 4*d.* Parchment bought this year for the rolls 6*d.* In one yard of black cloth bought for the hose of two yeomen of Sir John Charnells in the time when he was staying with the Duke of Lancaster 4*s.* —£7. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Payments. Paid to Walter of Lindrick for money received from him on loan £5. Paid to Will. of Bushby £1. Paid to John of Tilney £2. To John of Stafford £2. To Tho. Wynger £1.—£11.

He counts 6*s.* 8*d.* for gild entrances not yet raised (etc.).

Sum of charges and payments £62 and so he owes clear on the account, all being accounted and allowed, £2. 13*s.* 4*d.* And afterwards the allowance is accounted for the dinner of the Steward of Leicester 5*s.* 6*d.* And so he owes clear £2. 7*s.* 10*d.*

(On a slip sewed on.) And afterwards he charges himself concerning £44. 3*s.* 8*d.* received from divers persons as appears by parcels. Whereof he accounts for £40. 9*s.* 7½*d.* in divers expenses concerning the manor of Wrangle, in sealing charters and other things, as appears by particulars on the account delivered and examined. And so he owes £6. 1*s.* 10½*d.*

LXXXIX. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 2, No. 48. [1362.] Entries: *Joh. de Tynleye, *Ric. de Thorp, *Rob. de Wellynborew fyscher, *Joh. Poutrel, Rob. de Tuttebury, *Tho. Cunreur, *Will. de Nayleston smyth, *Will. de Burstall coruiser, *Tho. de Pynchbek, *Rob. Redsere (?), *Will. Roper.

Box 6, No. 158[3]. [1362–3.] Entries: *Joh. de Kirkeby barker, *Will. Chichestre, *Joh. de Petirsburgh barker, *Hen. de Ouerton barker, *Hugo de Kirkeby barker, *Ric. de Glouus[ton], *Will. Bradewey, *Adam Pakker, *Joh. Monke fischer, *Joh. de Bradgate fleschewer, *Joh. de Barkeby curreour, *Joh. Moubra, *Tho. Kelyng, Tho. de Skreleby de Lyndesey, *Rob. de Segraue, Rob. Thaker, *Galf. Clerk[4], *Will. de Bradley, Mat. de Hulford, *Will. Kyng de Flekeney, *Will. Lassy wryght, Ric. de Kibworth, *Will. Taillour, *Will. de Blaby.

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[1] The Duke of Bavaria, the husband of the Lady Maud of Lancaster, was also Count of Hainault.

[2] MS. capta de buur'e.

[3] In bad condition.

[4] Pardoned.

[v°.] Will. Taliard, Joh. de Segraue, Joh. Bonifaunte, Ric. Fairfeild, Will. Pelson de Groby coruiser, *Rog. de Neuton marc[hall], *Will. Milner, *Rob. Hilme smyth, *Walt. Ferour, *Joh. de Athirston cotiler, *Rad. Skyner, *Greg. de Birstawe flesshewer, Nic. Hendeman, *Gilb. de Akeley, *Tho. Trygge, *Will. Curteys.

List of payments received at the time of fair (ferie) from Robert "seruiens" and others (badly torn).

Compertum est quod Lambertus fleshewer aculpatus fuit pro vendicione carnium taurorum infugatorum [Feb. 4, 1363] coram Thoma de Beby tunc Maiore et aliis de communitate et contradixit et dispexit †turpis† loquiis Maiorem in foro: et predictus Lambertus venit et cognovit et vadiavit misericordiam scilicet x*li.* et condonatus fuit super talem condicionem: Ita quod si iterum †delinquerit† solueret Maiori et communitati c*s.* argenti vel auri sine aliqua redempcione etc.

(Charge of abusing the serjeant of the community (John of Sleaford). Same conclusion.)

XC. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 166. [1362–3.] (Nov. 22, 1362, the price of the quarter of best wheat was 6*s.*, when the wastell farthing loaf weighed 22*s.* 8*d.*[1] March 3 the quarter of medium wheat was at 6*s.* and the wastell farthing loaf weighed 22*s.* 8*d.*, and so also March 15 and June 2. On Sep. 20 the quarter of medium wheat was worth 8*s.* 6*d.* and so the halfpenny cocket weighed 36*s.* The weighing was in the time of Thomas of Beeby, Mayor, and Philip of Tynemouth, bailiff.)

Box L, No. 247[2] (2). [1364.] July 26 the quarter of medium wheat was 11*s.* and so the wastell weighs 12*s.* 4½*d.*; Aug. 2 at 12*s.*, and Aug. 14 at 11*s.* 6*d.*, and so the wastell weighs 11*s.* 10*d.*

It is found that Lambert the butcher[3] was charged on account of the sale of the flesh of driven bulls[4] before Thomas of Beeby, then Mayor, and others of the community and he contradicted and contemned the Mayor in the Market-place with base language: and the said Lambert came and confessed and pledged mercy, i.e. £10, and he was pardoned on the condition that if he offended again he should pay the mayor and community 100*s.* of silver or gold without any ransom, etc.

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[1] Its weight was to be measured by the weight of these coins.

[2] A large bundle consisting chiefly of fragments of tallage rolls of the 13th and 14th centuries, mostly undated.

[3] Lit. flesh-hewer.

[4] Bulls that had not been baited.

XCI. *Letters patent of the Duke of Lancaster's executors certifying that the Mayor and commonalty were enfeoffed of the manor of Wrangle.*

Box 15, No. 179[1]. [Oct. 10, 1364.] As toutz yceux qui cestes lettres verront ou ouront Robert de la Mare, Johan Charnels clerk & John Newmerche salutz en dieu. Come fyn se leua entre le noble seignur Henri Duc de Lancastre dune partie & nous et autres dautre parte des diuerses manoirs & autres terres et tenementz en diuerses countees entre queux fuist especifie le manoir de Wranghull en le countee de Nicole: Nous, pleinement enfourmez et apris en verite que le dit manoir de Wranghull nestoit pas au temps de la dite fyn leue en la possession de dit Duc ne en demeigne ne en reuersion: Mais le Mair et la communaltee de Leycestre furent long temps deuant celle fyn leue enfeffez du dit manoir de Wranghull par le dit Duc et au temps de la dite fyn leue seisez par le dit feffement et que la volunte de dit Duc fuist qil, ne nul de sez heires, ne autre de part lui, deueroient estre enfeffez de ycelle, si noun par les ditz Mair et communalte sous certeines condicions compris en endentures entre le dit Duc et les ditz Mair et comminalte, queux couenantes ne furent pas perfourmiz en la vie le dit Duc: Pur qei nous voloms que conu chose soit as totez gentez que nous vnqes riens ne clamames ne aore

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To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert de la Mare, John Charnels clerk and John Newmarch greeting in God. Whereas fine was levied between the noble lord Henry Duke of Lancaster of the one part and ourselves and others of the other part concerning divers manors and other lands and tenements in divers counties, among which was specified the manor of Wrangle in the county of Lincoln: We, being fully informed and having learnt in truth that the said manor of Wrangle was not at the time of the levy of the said fine in the possession of the said Duke either in demesne or in reversion, but that the Mayor and commonalty of Leicester long before the time of the levy of that fine were enfeoffed of the said manor of Wrangle by the said Duke, and seised, at the time of the levy of the said fine, by the said feoffment, and that the will of the said Duke was that neither he nor his heirs nor any one on his behalf should be enfeoffed of the same, unless by the said Mayor and commonalty under certain conditions comprised in indentures between the said Duke and the said Mayor and commonalty, which covenants were not performed in the life of the said Duke: Wherefore we will that it be known to all people that we will never

[1] A copy made c. 1604.

clamoins en le dit manoir de Wranghull ne vnqes feffement de ceo fezums, ne voloms, ne poins faire a autre de manoir avant dit pour la cause susdite. En tesmoignaunce de quele chose as ycestes noz lettres patentz auoms mys noz sealx. Done le disme iour de Octobre lan du regne le roy Edward tierce puis la conqueste trent octisme.

XCII. *John of Gaunt's acknowledgement of the feoffment of Wrangle to the Mayor and Commonalty.*

Box 15, No. 200[1]. [Qu. date?] A touz ceux qe cestes lettres veront ou orront Johan filtz au noble Roi Dengleterre, Duc de Lancastre, Count de Richmond, Derby, Nichole, & Leycestre, Seneschall Dengleterre, & Blaunche sa femme, file & heire Henri nagaires Duc de Lancastre salutz en dieu. Come le dit Henri nagaires Duc dona, graunta, conferma au Meir & cominalte de Leycestre & a lour heirs & successours a touz iours le manoir de Wrangel oue les appurtenauntz en le Counte de Nichole, com en vne chartre de ceo fait pleinement est contenuz, par force de quele chartre ils furent en plein possessioun tut la vie le dit Henri nagairs Duc apres le dit feffement fait: Nient meins tanque com les ditz Meir & cominalte estoient en plein possession de dit manoir fyn ceo leua parentre le dit Henri nagairs Duc de Lancastre dun part & Richard Count

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claim and do not now claim anything in the said manor of Wrangle, nor will we ever make feoffment of the same, nor will we nor can we make feoffment to another of the manor aforesaid for the reason abovesaid. In witness whereof we have set our seals to these our letters patent. Given on the 10th day of October in the 38th year of the reign of King Edward the Third after the conquest.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, John son of the noble King of England, Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Richmond, Derby, Lincoln, and Leicester, Steward of England, and Blanche his wife, daughter and heir of Henry late Duke of Lancaster greeting in God. Whereas the said Henry late Duke gave, granted, [and] confirmed to the Mayor and commonalty of Leicester and their heirs and successors for ever, the manor of Wrangle with the appurtenances in the county of Lincoln, as in a charter made thereof is fully contained, by force of which charter they were in full possession all the life of the said Henry late Duke after the said feoffment was made: Nevertheless while the said Mayor and commonalty were in full possession of the said manor, this fine was levied between the said Henry late Duke of Lancaster of the one part and Richard Earl of Arundel, John of Gynwell[2] late Bishop

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[1] In a contemporary hand.

[2] Died Aug. 5, 1362. Cf. *Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster*, ed. Hardy, p. 14.

Daroundell, Johan de Gynewell nagairs Euesque de Nichole, Roberd de la Mare & autres du manoir auaundit & des autres terres & tenementz en diuerses Countes, par quoi, en taunt que le dit Henri nagairs Duc nautre partie a la dite fin estoieunt du dist manoir adonque seisis, droit ne estate de dit manoir ne pout acrestre a null qestoit partie a la fin susdit: Nous de ceo pleinement enfourmes par nostre counseil grauntoms pour nous & pour noz heires que le Meir & le cominalte de la dite ville de Leycestre eient & enioieunt pour eux & pour lour successours le dit manoir par le feffement auantdit, issint que nous ne noz heires droit ne cleim en le dit manoir par la mort le dit Henri nagairs Duc ne par la dite fin ne par autre partie a mesme la fin poioms clamer ne chalenger, eins de ceo soioms forclos a touz iours.

XCIII. *Feoffment of certain of the Duke of Lancaster's lands made by his executors.*

Box 15, No. 181[1]. [Jan. 28, 1365.] (Indenture made between John Duke of Lancaster and his wife Blanche of the one part and Sir Robert de la Mare, John de Charnelles clerk and John Newmarch of the other part, testifying that Robert, John and John [the late Duke's executors] have granted the castle, manor and honour of Bolingbroke, the manor of Sutton in Holland and all that they have of the gift of the late Duke in the county of Lincoln, to John Duke of Lancaster and Blanche and the heirs of their bodies, rendering yearly to Robert, John and John and their heirs for ever 1000 marks a year to be paid at Easter and Michaelmas, on certain conditions set forth elsewhere[2], on which conditions the seisin is delivered and the rent of 1000 marks reserved. If the rent is in arrears Robert, John and John and their heirs may distrain in the castle, manor and lands. If John Duke of Lancaster and Blanche die without heirs of their bodies begotten, the castle etc. revert to the heirs of Henry late Duke of Lancaster, rendering the rent of 1000

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of Lincoln, Robert de la Mare and others, of the manor aforesaid and of the other lands and tenements in divers counties, by which, in as much as neither the said Henry late Duke nor the other party to the said fine were then seised of the said manor, neither right nor estate in the said manor could accrue to any who was party to the fine abovesaid: We being fully informed of this by our council, grant for us and our heirs that the Mayor and commonalty of the said town of Leicester shall have and enjoy the said manor for themselves and their successors by the feoffment aforesaid, so that neither we nor our heirs can claim or challenge right or claim in the said manor by the death of the said Henry late Duke, whether by the said fine or by the other party to the said fine, but from this we shall be foreclosed for ever.

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[1] A copy made c. 1604. In French.

[2] See p. 137, No. 180.

marks to Robert, John and John under the conditions named. Witnesses, Simon Bishop of Ely, Chancellor of the King, Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, Richard Earl of Arundel, Sir William of Wykeham archdeacon of Lincoln, Sir Henry Greene Justice of the Bench of the lord King, Sir Will. de Skipwith, Chief Baron of the Exchequer and others. Given at Westminster 28 Jan. 1364. And for the greater security of the said annuity of 1000 marks, the said Duke John and Blanche have put the said Robert, John and John in full and peaceable seisin and paid to them 3*d.* in the presence of Sir Henry de Percy, the late Sir Henry de Grey and Sir Godfrey Foljambe and others[1].

Box 15, No. 180[2]. [Jan. 28, 1365.] (Opens as above.) The rent is to be 1000 marks a year as is contained in the said charter. The said Robert, John and John grant for themselves and their heirs that if Duke John and his wife, their heirs or the right heirs of the late Duke Henry, failing their issue, pay yearly to them or their executors £400 a year at four terms, Easter, St Botulph's, Michaelmas and Christmas, or a larger sum if preferred, until 5000 marks in all have been paid, then the rent of 1000 marks lapses for ever. At Westminster 28 Jan. 1365. [No witnesses.]

XCIV. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 167. [1364–5.] (Roger of Belgrave, Mayor, and Philip of Tynemouth, bailiff. Oct. 4 quarter of best wheat 7*s.* 6*d.*, and fluctuating between 8*s.* Oct. 25 and 6*s.* 6*d.* in May.)

XCV. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 2, No. 49. [1364–5.] Gild entries:—Will. de Drayton cotiler, Ingram de Barton milner, Will. de Bifeld dexter, Joh. Ostiler cooc, Will. de Lynford ymager, Reg. Glouer, Joh. de Wynchelsee mercer, Joh. Draper vpholder, Rad. Aldrich, Galf. Lorimer de Tycle, Ric. Waleis elymaker[3], Rog. de Dancastre schether, Benedictus del Shawe coruiser, Ric. de Killeby coruiser, Will. de Wodehouses, Joh. de Rochewell whelwright, Joh. Bateman cartewright, Hen. Gyneour[4], Joh. Latouner[5], Rog. de Burton dexter, Ric. de Wadington chalouner, Rob. de Burstall coruiser, Hen. Sherman, Tho. de Kirkeby barker, Joh. Vendour de Neuwerk vynt*ner*, Ric. de Barwell clericus, Will. de Grantham, Ric. de Preston webster, Joh. Waterman, Ric. Russel de Burton carnifex, Rob. de Tousetre carnifex, Rog. de Hathern masoun, Joh. de Thornham masoun, Hen. de Pounfret carnifex, Joh. de Spaldyng carnifex, Will. Neuill de Blaston, Tho. de Chesham masoun, Rob. de Frisby carpenter, Rob. de Swafham masoun, Tho. de Wendon smyth, Tho. Broun de Wircester tauerner, Ric. de Burgh barker[6]. Summa xvi*li.* xl*d.*

Box 2, No. 46. [1365–6.] Walter Lindrich being Mayor. Entries:—Joh. Titto, Joh. Hupleskote mason, Rob. Swan †coruesir†, Joh. Seriaunt de Catthorp, Sim. Newerk, Will. Adkoc, Will. Pryour, Joh. seruiens Willelmi Sitheston, Will.

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[1] A faulty version of the original here summarized is printed in *Hist. MSS. Com.* 8th Report, App. p. 412.

[2] A copy of c. 1604. In French.

[3] Oil-maker, cf. Eliman, Oil-man.

[4] Mechanic; see Stratmann-Bradley.

[5] See *Prompt. Parv.* p. 289, maker of latten, a hard metal resembling brass.

[6] All pledge the bull; the entrance fee is as a rule 6*s.* 8*d.*

Pecham, Rob. Evesham, Nel Barbour, Ric. Skempston mason, Galf. Rolman, Rog. Lobesthorp, Ric. Braunston mason, Joh. de Wykynggeston, Hen. Heryng, Tho. de Quenyngburgh, Will. de Ketilby, Joh. de Bosworth, Joh. Atthestyle de Ansty, Tho. Baxter, Rob. Scriwen of ye Newerk, Will. Draykote baxter, Will. de Hekelyng coruesir, Joh. Swafham mason, Joh. de Asfordby barker, Nic. de Eyle, Tho. de Bobonhyll[1].

Will. de Bochaston, Joh. de Wirhall smyth, Rog. Bonyfaunt, Will. Mercer intrauerunt gildam mercatoriam de consuetudine ville et nichil dant pro ingressu[2].

XCVI. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 168. [1365–6.] (Walter of Lindrick, Mayor and Phil. of Tynemouth, bailiff; Oct. 28, 1365, quarter of medium wheat worth 4*s.* and the wastell quartern should weigh 36*s.* Dec. 13 medium price 3*s.* 4*d.*, 22 Jan. no assize taken because the bakers did not come (five named) and they are in mercy; the prices fluctuate thus Feb. 13, 4*s.*, Mar. 6, 4*s.* 6*d.*, Mar. 16, 3*s.* 6*d.*, May 15, 4*s.* 6*d.*, 31 July 5*s.* and 27 Aug. the same.)

XCVII. *Letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of London.*

Box 14, No. 388[3]. [May 15, 1365.] As honorables hommes & sag[es] [et] lours tres chers amys, Meire, baillifs & bone gentz de la ville de Leycestre, les Meire & audermans de la citee de Loundres salutz & treschers amistes. A la demonstrance William Baillif, nostre concitein, auoms entenduz que vous auetz arestuz par vn Thomas Wyngere, vn de voz comburgeis, vne mazer pris xii*s.* vi*d.* de Johan Lyrepol vn poure marchant par voie de suspecion, entendantz & surmettaunz que le dit Johan est desloial homme & de male fame. Nous vous tesmoignons & par cestez noz

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To the honourable and wise men, and their very dear friends, the Mayor, bailiffs and good people of the town of Leicester, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London greeting and very dear friendship. At the shewing of William Bailiff our fellow-citizen we have heard that you have arrested by one Thomas Winger, one of your fellow-burgesses, a mazer[4] price 12*s.* 6*d.* belonging to John Liverpool a poor merchant, by way of suspicion, understanding and surmising that the said John is a dishonest man and of ill fame. We bear witness to you and by these our letters we certify to you that many good

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[1] All in this paragraph pledged the bull-fine.

[2] Will. of Bocheston etc. entered the gild merchant by the custom of the town and they pay nothing for entry (being eldest sons).

[3] On paper. See *Hist. MSS. Com.* 8th Report, App. p. 412 (72).

[4] A drinking-cup. See I. p. 219.

lettres vous certifioms †qi† plusours bones gentz de la dite citee dignes de foi vendrent deuant nous, et en lour foi & par lour serement nous certifieront que le dit Johan est loial homme & de bone fame, et que le dit Johan achata le dit mazer de dit William a Loundres & paya a lui les xii*s.* vi*d.* auantditz, issint qe le dit mazer par vous arestuz est le bien & chatiel & leal marchandie du dit Johan & a nul altre. Pour qoi vous prioms especialement & requerroms que au dit Johan ou a son certein attorne cestes noz lettres portaunt voilletz le dit mazer deliuerer pour amour de nous en manere come vous vodrietz que nous feissoms a voz gentz sils vssent affaire deuers nous en cas semblable ou en greindre. Nostre seignour vous eyetz touz iours en sa garde. Escript a Loundres le xvi iour de maii lan du reigne nostre seigneur le Roi Edward tierce puis le conqueste trente neofisme[1].

Endorsed:—As Meire, baillifs & bones gentz de la ville de Leycestre. Par les Meire & aldermans de la citee de Londres.

XCVIII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 159. [1365–6.] *Town of Leicester.*

Account of Walter Lindrich, Mayor of the town etc. (29 Sep. 39 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 40 Ed. III.)

Receipt. He answers for £3. 12*s.* of arrears of the account of Roger of Belgrave, Mayor of the preceding year.

Rents. And for 8*s.* of the rent of a tenement which John Marchal held at the West Gate. And for 1*s.* of the rent of a tenement on the East Gate which the Gild

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people of the said city, worthy of credence, will come before us and will certify us in their faith and by their oath that the said John is an honest man and of good fame, and that the said John bought the said mazer from the said William in London and paid him the 12*s.* 6*d.* aforesaid so that the said mazer detained by you is the possession and chattel and lawful merchandise of the said John and no other. Wherefore we pray you specially and request that you will deliver the said mazer to the said John or to his known attorney bearing these our letters, for love of us, as you would that we should do to your people if they should have business before us in a like case or in a greater. Our Lord have you ever in His keeping. Written in London on the 16th day of May in the 39th year of the reign of our lord the King Edward the Third since the conquest.

Endorsed:—To the Mayor, bailiffs and good people of the town of Leicester. By the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London.

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[1] Cf. *Hist. MSS. Com.* 8th Report, App. p. 412.

of Corpus Christi holds[1]. And for 1*s.* 6*d.* of the rent of a plot sometime John of Knightcote's near the South Gate. Whereof 15*d.* of arrears of the said rent for five years past.—10*s.* 6*d.*

Gild entries and tallages. And for £10. 3*s.* 4*d.* (gild entries) and of £44. 14*s.* 8*d.* received of tallage made this year among the community of the town by tally against the collectors of the same.—£54. 18*s.*

Foreign Receipts. And of £1. 15*s.* received from Tho. of Nosely for toll of the North Gate[2]. And of 10*s.* 6*d.* of the pence received by the collectors in the Church of St Martin for the work of the bridges, given by various people in alms. And of 3*s.* 4*d.* received as from a collection for the said work in the parish of St Nicholas. And of £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* received from Will. of Ashby given in alms for the said work. And of 2*s.* 2*d.* received as from a collection for the said work in the church of St Peter. And of 2*s.* received from Andrew the glazier of his alms for the said work. And of 6*s.* 8*d.* received from Nic. Adcok as from toll of the North Quarter for the said work. And of 20*s.* received from Rob. of Mardefield for perfecting the said work.—£5. 6*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of receipt with arrears, £64. 6*s.* 10*d.*

Of which he accounts for 40*s.* in expenses for his dinner. And 13*s.* 4*d.* allowed to him in his salmon fee. And £2. 6*s.* 8*d.* allowed to him in his clerk's fee. And 20*s.* in the fee of John Sleford bailiff of the community. And 20*s.* in the fee of Laur. Hauberk yearly. And 10*s.* 6*d.* allowed to him as of rent of divers tenements of the town, charged above, pertaining yearly to the office of the Mayor —£7. 10*s.* 6*d.*

Expense of the West Bridge. And 30*s.* in wages of 3 masons hired for three weeks working on the West Bridge, each taking by week 3*s.* 4*d.* by agreement at task (ad tascum). And £1. 2*s.* in wages of 4 men serving there for 16½ days during the said time, i.e. two in the quarry and two serving the said masons, each taking 4*d.* a day at task. And 10*s.* in 8 quarters of lime bought, with carriage to the said bridge, viz. the quarter at 1*s.* 3*d.* And 2*s.* in sand carried to the same. And 1*s.* given to divers labourers of the Abbot of Leicester in the quarry there that they might help in the said quarry at divers times. And 6*d.* given to John of Sleaford for his labour on the said work for supervision. And 2*s.* in a cart hired for the carriage of gravel (grauell) for ramming (?) (rammando) the said work for a day. And 6*d.* in poles (poll') bought for making a scaffold (scaffold) there for the said work. And 2*d.* in nails bought for the said work. And 8*s.* in a cart hired for carrying stone from the quarry for 4 days, viz. 2*s.* a day, by agreement. And 3*s.* in wages of divers persons hired for paving the said bridge in gross (in grosso). And 7*s.* 3*d.* both in 60 laths (latthis) bought, 160 nails for the same, pins (pynnes) bought for tiles, and also in carrying tiles from the hall of the community together with wages of divers tilers roofing (cooperient') the chamber on the said bridge with divers necessaries as above, made thus by contract (ex convenc' in grosso). And 2*d.* in the wages of smiths pointing (pinct') the iron tools (ferrament') of the said masons during the aforesaid time. And 2*s.* both in a centre[3] (sceynture) for supporting the arch (le arch' supponend') and also in wages of divers persons for collecting stones there in the water for the said work.—£4. 8*s.* 7*d.*

Expense of the North Bridge. And 16*s.* in wages of 2 carters carrying sand at the North Bridge for 4 days, each taking 2*s.* a day as by agreement. And 5*s.* 6*d.*

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[1] ? Peter le Seler's room (see p. 90), yet his name is not associated with the creation of the Corpus Christi Guild 1343, see North's *St Martin's* p. 185, but with that of St John, see LXIII.

[2] Explained below as toll of the North Quarter for bridge-work.

[3] See I. p. 350.

paid to one Simon Barker for carrying sand for 4 days as by agreement. And 7*s.* 6*d.* in carrying earth and stone for the said bridge as by agreement for 4 days. And 7*s.* for a cart for 3 days (etc.[1]).

[v°.] And 21*s.* 4*d.* in wages of divers persons paving the said bridge as by agreement made in gross. And 2*s.* 7*d.* in pargetting (pargend') the wall (pariet') of the said bridge by agreement in gross. And 6*s.* in stone bought for the said bridge. And 6*d.* given to those working there that they might work better, as courtesy (ut melius operarent ex curialitate). And 1*s.* 6*d.* in mending certain instruments made there and with wages of the smiths sharpening and mending (punctant'[2] et emend') their defects during the said time.—£4. 8*s.*

Foreign expense. And 6*d.* in white bread bought for the expenses of the boys of the lord Duke going towards Bolingbroke by road. (Wine, cheese, pears, nuts, King's messengers' fees.) And 3*s.* 4*d.* in a house hired for the use of the community of the town there during that time. And 1*s.* given to divers masons of the Abbot of Leicester out of courtesy that they might help in divers business. And 10*d.* in expenses of Laur. Hauberk coming there for one night for divers business of the town. (Wine in courtesy to Godfrey Foljambe (Fulchaump) and to the Duke's esquires.) And 6*d.* in parchment bought for divers needs of the said Mayor and writing the muniments thereof (munimend'[3] inde scribend') at the time of account. And 3*d.* in a new sack (saculo) bought for the rolls and to put other muniments therein. And 2*s.* given to two servants (ministr') of the town going with the lord Duke's boys in going towards Bolingbroke.—£1. 1*s.* 3*d.*

Payments of money. And £13 paid to Will. of Syston and John of Scraptoft keepers of the work of the common hall of the town[4] for the work of the said hall by a tally against them as of pence received of a tallage of the community of the town there. And £5. 7*s.* paid to the same for the said work by tally against them. And 2*s.* paid to the said Will. of Syston as of debt of the town there. And 20*s.* paid to Will. of Lubbesthorp as of old debt as above. And 20*s.* paid to John Turnour as of debt as above. (And others.) And £11. 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to John Cook and Tho. of Beeby as of debt for his expenses at London being at parliament. And £1. 17*s.* 11*d.* paid to John of Scraptoft of old debt of the town. And £2. 8*s.* 3*d.* paid to Ralph of Knightcote for wages during the time of parliament. And £2. 4*s.* paid to Will. of Burton for the same reason. And 20*s.* paid to John of Stafford of old debt for the same reason. And £2 paid to Roger of Kilby for wages at parliament. And of 6*d.* given to John of Sleaford for the community of the town out of courtesy.—£42. 19*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of charges and payments £60. 8*s.* 1*d.*[5]

There is owing £3. 17*s.* 9*d.*[6] of which he asks allowance for 2*s.* which he gave to John of Sleaford for supervision of the work of the West Bridge. And so there is owing clear £3. 15*s.* 9*d.* whereof there is allowed to the said Mayor for divers expenses £3 and so there remains 15*s.* 9*d.*

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[1] Some further entries of the wages of assistants by day: no tilers were employed here.

[2] Pumctant' in the original.

[3] One stroke short in the original.

[4] See XCIX. below.

[5] It should be £60. 8*s.*

[6] For 18*s.*

XCIX. *Account on the Building of the Gildhall.*

Box 14, No. 388 (4)[1]. [1366.] Expenses on the Gildhall of Leicester. First beginning on Monday next after the feast of St Gregory the Pope, in the 40th year, viz. in shovels (sheuelus), spade (spade), ropes (ropus), timber (timber'), carriage, barrow (barow), nails (naylus) and divers matters. Total 12*s.* 6½*d.* Item payments to carpenters £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* Item paid to Roger of Belgrave for a post (poste) and to a workman 4*s.* 3*d.* (9 payments for timber to others named.) For spars 11*s.* 7*d.* Paid for two springers[2] (lacis) 1*s.* 4½*d.* Two loads (lodis) of timber (meremio) 18*s.*...Paid to sawyers (sawers) for nine days and a half 7*s.* 6*d.* Sum total to the feast of Easter £6. 19*s.* 2½*d.*

Paid in Easter week for lime (lym) and to workmen and for divers matters—13*s.*

Paid in the first week after Easter for nails (naylus) and beer 1*s.* 6*d.* For sawyers 4 days and a half 3*s.* 9*d.* For three workmen 5*s.* 4*d.* For 3 masons in that week 7*s.* 2*d.*—Total 17*s.* 9*d.*

(Other items are water, beer, stones (stonis), springers[2] (lacis), nails, boards (bordus), 36 spars 6*s.* 0½*d.*, shovels, wages of a slater.)—Total £3. 7*s.* 6½*d.*

Labour (persons named)—£1. 15*s.*

Paid in the fourth week. In divers costs (costagiis) in rearing[3] (in rer'yng) the hall 4*s.* 9*d.*...To John Waterman for water 1*s.* 1*d.*—Total £1. 19*s.* 10*d.*

Paid in the fifth week for spike-nails (spykynges) 1*s.* (Beer, spars, solder (soud'), lime, laths.)—£1. 12*s.* 7*d.*

Paid in the sixth week. First to John Steyne slater for 9 days 6*s.* 9*d.*...To Will. Slater for 5 days 3*s.* 9*d.*...Paid for 14 pins (pynn' xiiii) 3*s.* 2*d.* To Peter labourer (laburrer) 1*s.* Paid to masons (masonus) for 2 weeks 11*s.*...Paid to Adam Cok borer[4] 1*s.*—£3. 0*s.* 6*d.*

(Other items added in another hand, including wages to persons named.) Paid for bowls[5] (combis), hinges (hengelis) and other small things 6*s.* 1*d.*

Total £24. 14*s.*

Received of Will. of Syston and John of Scraptoft from the Mayor for the building of the common hall in the 40th year by two tallies £18. 7*s.* Item for chips (chipp') 15*s.* 4*d.* Item received 9*s.* 10½*d.* Item for 2 vats (fattis) sold 1*s.* 2*d.* Item received for spars 7*s.* Item he answers for £3. 1*s.* 4*d.* of the toll of the East Quarter of Leicester.

C. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 169. [1366–7.] (Weighing of bread Oct. 23, 40 Ed. III., before Will. of Syston, Mayor, and John Cook, bailiff. Medium wheat 5*s.* a quarter; Nov. 27, 5*s.* 6*d.*; Ap. 30, 1367, 6*s.*; June 4, 5*s.* 6*d.*, and so the wastell weighs 24*s.* 8½*d.*)

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[1] On paper, folded and written on both sides, in Latin.

[2] See *Cent. Dict.*; also Halliwell-Nares s.v. *lace.*

[3] Erecting the timber framing. Mr Stevenson tells me that the word survives in the "rearing" dinner sometimes given when the roof-timbers are fixed.

[4] One who bores, *Cath. Ang.*, a borer, *forator.*

[5] N.E.D. s.v. *coomb.* Halliwell has "mallet," Devon dialect, but this seems to lack authority, cf. *Dialect Dictionary.*

CI. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 2, No. 50. [1366–7.] Morningspeech of Leicester, held there Oct. 23, 1366, before Will. of Syston, Mayor, and other Jurats and the best of the community of the town of Leicester, till Michaelmas next following. Gild entries:—Joh. Keruer, Will. de Lymby barker, Joh. Taillour del Abbeigate, Rad. de Broughton coruiser, Ric. de Houghton baxter, Will. de Broughton coruiser, Joh. de Ramsey coruiser, Alan. Harwode coruiser, Rob. de Botheby irnemonger, Eadmundus Roundel cooc, Will. Glent piscator, Will. de Segraue, Sim. Munke piscator, Hen. Sawyer, Tho. Draper, Walt. Beleamy, Joh. de Houby piscator, Rob. de Anstey coruiser, Tho. Chaumberleyn, Joh. Chynewell peyntour, Joh. de Cosington sadeler, Magister Johannes qui informat pueros[1], Joh. Taillard, Hug. Keruer, Will. Beaufis de Croxton, Joh. Hose belleȝeter heres patris sui, petit libertates ville Leycestrie tanquam heres et filius primogenitus et iuratus est secundum usum Leycestrie[2].

Box 2, No. 51. [1367–8.] (Notes for the next roll.)

Box 2, No. 53. [1367–8.] Morningspeech of Leicester held there on Wednesday next after the feast of Corpus Christi 42 Ed. III. before John of Stafford Mayor of Leicester and other Jurats and the best of the community of the town, till Michaelmas next following. Gild entries:—Giles de Outheby, Joh. Chapman hetheleder[3], Rog. Waryn de Lylborne, Ric. del Hille de Groby, Joh. de Kybworht coriour, Will. de Notynham, Ric. le Wriht de Waltham, Will. Skynner de Yrlond, Joh. Gamel, Will. de Alderstre, Joh. de Burbage, Will. de Brailleford, Phelipus le Sclater, Ric. de Walton, Joh. de Makesay barker, Joh. de Lubnam, Hen. de Craft barker, Hugo de Swepston (heres patris)[4].

Box 2, No. 52. [1368–9.] Morningspeech of Leicester held there on Monday next after Michaelmas 42 Ed. III. before Tho. of Beeby Mayor etc. Gild entries:—Will. de Lobnam, Nic. le Carter, Ric. Wyles, Joh. de Cestria barbour, Will. Coo de Thurstynton, Ric. Wance, Joh. Borges (heres patris), Ric. Martyn, Nic. del Castell, Ric. Breton, Will. le Spenser, Will. Fysher, Galf. de Maysham, Tho. de Melton belmaker[5].

CII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 124. [1368–9.] Account of Thomas of Beeby, Mayor, Sep. 29, 42 Ed. III., to Sep. 29, 43 Ed. III.

The said Thomas answers for £1. 15*s.* 11½*d.* of arrears of the account of John of Stafford, Mayor of the last preceding year.

Rents. The said Thomas answers for 8*s.* of the rent of a tenement that John Marshal holds at the West Gate. And for 1*s.* of rent of a chamber over the East Gate which the Gild of Corpus Christi holds. And for 3*d.* of the rent of a plot of land which John of Knightcote holds near the South Gate.—Total 9*s.* 3*d.*

The said Thomas answers for £4. 6*s.* 8*d.* of divers fines for persons entering the Gild of Merchants of Leicester this year as appears by parcels made thereof.

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[1] Master John who teaches the boys.

[2] John Hose, bell-founder, heir of his father, claimed the liberties of the town of Leicester as heir and eldest son and is sworn according to the custom of Leicester.

[3] Heather for fuel, long used by bakers.

[4] All but the last pay 6*s.* 8*d.* and pledge the bull.

[5] All but Joh. Borges pledge the bull.

And for £27. 14*s.* 2*d.* received of a tallage made for archers going to Calais to our lord Duke of Lancaster.—Total £32. 0*d.* 10*d.*

Total receipt with arrears £34. 6*s.* 0½*d.*

Expenses. (Usual fees of Mayor and clerk; 20*s.* for the fee of John of Sleaford bailiff[1]. And £1. 3*s.* 4*d.* paid to Will. de Boston and Will. of the Green for wages of parliament at London[2]. And 9*s.* 3*d.* allowed to the said [Thomas] as of rent of the divers tenements of the town charged above, pertaining to the Mayor's office yearly[3].—Total £7. 12*s.*)

And 1*s.* 2*d.* paid to King's messengers (etc.). And 2*s.* paid for the dinner of Simon Pakeman coming concerning the said archers of the lord Duke of Lancaster. And 6½*d.* in parchment and for ink for the rolls for messengers pertaining to the office of the Mayor. And 2*d.* paid to John of Sleaford for the removal of timber at the Guildhall.—3*s.* 10½*d.*

9*s.* 6*d.* paid for arrow-heads. And 1*s.* paid for making of [arrow-] heads for the aforesaid archers, and 6*d.* for two pipers (pypers) going to Oadby with the said archers (etc. small payments torn).—Total £27. 4*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of charges and payments £35. 0*s.* 9½*d.* So he has in surplus 14*s.* 9*d.*

CIII. *Tallage Roll.*

Box L, No. 247 (1). [At the feast of] St Martin in Leicester, for a subsidy granted to the lord King at the parliament at Westminster by all the community in the 45th year. (One skin, written on both sides, much defaced.)

CIV. *Warrant to deliver hostages.*

Box 15, No. 188. [26 Sep. 1371.] Edward par la grace de dieu Roy Dengleterre & de France & Seignour Dirlande a noz bien amez Maire & baillifs de la ville de Leycestre saluz. Nous vous mandons & chargeons firmement que tantost veues cestes, facez venir en sauue garde deuers nostre citee de Londres Johan le Suwer & Piers Lambert hostages de Beauuoys esteantz en vostre garde & les liuerer en nostre dite citee a nostre cher & foial Richard Lescrop nostre Tresorer a

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Edward by the grace of God King of England and of France, and lord of Ireland, to our well-beloved Mayor and bailiffs of the town of Leicester greeting. We order and firmly charge you that upon sight of these presents, you cause to come in safe guard towards our city of London John the Sewer and Peter Lambert hostages of Beauvoys being in your guard, and deliver them in our said city to our beloved and faithful Richard Le Scrope our Treasurer with

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[1] Usually called serjeant.

[2] June 3, 1369, at Westminster.

[3] Rents of chambers over the gates as explained below.

toute la haste que vous plus purrez sanz nulle defaute a fin que [laf-][1] faire venue deuers lui il puisse acorder ouesques eux sur leure suiorner apres manere come ordenez est depart nous par auys de nostre Conseil. Et ce en nulle manere ne lessez sur la foi que vous nous deuez. Done souz nostre priue seal a Windesore le xxvi jour de Septembre lan de nostre regne Dengleterre quarante quint & de France trente second.

CV. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 170. [1370–1.] (Weighing of bread before John of Stafford, Mayor, and John Cook, bailiff, Dec. 12, 1370, medium wheat at 3*s.* 6*d.* a quarter; Ap. 16, 1371, same price, June 13 the same.)

CVI. *Fines before the Justices.*

Box L, No. 248, 10. [1368–72.] De exit' et fin' de banco de t' Trinit' et M' anno xlv et t' Hill' et Pasc' anno xlvi.

De exitu terr' et ten' Willelmi Weston x*d.* (and a long list of the like).

Item amerc' coram Bar' de Scaccario anno xliiii.

De manucapt' quia [non[2]] ha' Will. Siston ii*d.* (and others).

De fin' et amerc' Simonis Pakeman et sociorum eius Justiciariorum de pace xlvi.

(Issues of land and fines on manucaptors.)

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all the speed that you best may, without any default, in order that, the affair having come before him, he may make agreement with them on their sojourn after the manner that is ordained by us by the advice of our Council. And do not in any way neglect this, on the faith which you owe to us. Given under our privy seal at Windsor the 26th day of September, the 45th year of our reign of England and the 32nd of France.

Of the issues and fines of the Bench for Trinity and Michaelmas terms in the 45th year and Hilary and Easter terms in the 46th year.

Of the issue[3] from the lands and tenements of Will. Weston 10*d.*

Amercements before the Barons of the Exchequer in the 44th year.

From the mainpernors[4] because they did not have[5] Will. Siston 2*d.*

Of the fines and amercements of Simon Pakeman and his fellows, Justices of the peace, in the 46th year.

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[1] A word illegible.
[2] Omitted in original.
[3] Forfeited issues from land.
[4] Pledges.
[5] Did not produce him for trial.

[v°.] De fin' et amerc' coram T. de Ingelby et sociis suis Justic' ad ass' anno xliiii. (7 manucaptors.)

De amerc' de banco de t' Trinit' et M' anno xlii et t' Hill' et Pasc' anno xliii. (21 manucaptors fined generally 2*d.* each.)

De fin' et exit' de banco de t' T' et M' anno xliii. Et ter' Hill' et Pasc' anno xliii[i][1] (a list of the issues of land).

Of the fines and amercements before T. of Ingleby and his fellows, Justices of assize, in the 44th year.

Of the amercements of the Bench of the Trinity and Michaelmas terms in the 42nd year, and Hilary and Easter terms in the 43rd year.

Of the fines and issues of the Bench of the Trinity and Michaelmas terms in the 43rd year and Hilary and Easter terms in the 44th year.

CVII. *Merchant Gild Rolls.*

Box 2, No. 54. (Rough notes for the following roll.)

Box 2, No. 55. [1371–2.] Morningspeech of Leicester held there before John of Stafford, Mayor etc. on Friday next after Michaelmas 45 Ed. III. Gild-entries :—Rob. Porter de Leycestria, Will. de Lobnam schapmane, Steph. Coper, Joh. Glouer, Will. de Byllyborow marchall, Tho. de Scheyesby potter, Rob. Fot dexter, Joh. de Barkeston coteler, Rob. de Dudley bocher, Joh. Heryng souter, Tho. Glouer, Joh. Peyntour bocher, Will. Freman de Barrowe bocher, Rob. Chawet fyscher, Rob. Balchawe walker, Ric. Swiyell schapman, Hugo de Carlton barker, Tho. de Kerby draper[2], Joh. de Belgrawe barker (s.p.), Joh. de Donygton heres Willelmi Donygton petit intrare gildam mercatorum propter libertatem Willelmi de Donygton patris sui que nobis ignoratur, ideo preceptum est Maiori inquirere[3].

CVIII. *Receipt from Subsidy Collectors.*

Box 15, No. 191. [Jan. 22, 1372.] This indenture witnesses that we John of Berkeley and James Belers, knights, and our fellows, collectors of a subsidy lately granted to the lord King, have received in the county of Leicester from the town and parishes of Leicester by the hand of John Stafford, £23. 4*s.* in part payment of the said subsidy. (Sealing clause.) Dated at Wynyndham (? Wymondham), Jan. 22, 45 Ed. III.

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[1] Torn. [2] All these pledge the bull.

[3] John of Donington heir of Will. Donington claims to enter the gild of merchants on account of the liberty of Will. of Donington his father which is unknown to us; therefore the Mayor is ordered to enquire.

CIX. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 171. [1372–3.] (Weighing of bread before Will. o' the Green, Mayor, and John Cook, bailiff, 17 Dec. 1372; the quarter of medium wheat at 4*s.* 6*d.* All the bakers in mercy because they have no wastell (9 names). Weighing of 4 Mar. 1373 before the same; medium wheat 5*s.* Nic. Baker and John of Bosworth in mercy because their cocket bread is not of the same boulting (bultell') as the wastell.)

CX. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 6, No. 160. [1372–3.] Account of Will. o' the Green, Mayor, 29 Sep., 46 Ed. III. to 29 Sep., 47 Ed. III.

Arrears of John of Stafford, late Mayor, 9*s.* 4½*d.* Rents of divers tenements 10*s.* Gild entries £3. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Tax of the lord King. £5. 1*s.* 8*d.* received from the collectors (named) of the East Quarter; £13. 4*s.* 6*d.* from the collectors of the Quarter of the Swinesmarket; £8. 17*s.* 8*d.* from the collectors of the South Quarter; £8. 8*s.* 6*d.* from the collectors of the North Quarter as appears (etc.).—£35*s.* 12*s.* 6*d.*[1]

Total of receipt £40. 5*s.* 2½*d.*

Expenses. (Usual fees. John of Sleaford, serjeant. Messengers of the King and Duke 3*s.* 4*d.*;) 6*s.* to Ric. of Braunston and his fellows leading Hugh of Latham and a certain serjeant of the King towards Lutterworth; 28*s.* to William Tayllard being at London for the parliament; £5. 12*s.* for the Mayor's expenses with Roger of Beeby going to London on town business for 28 days, at 4*s.* a day; 28*s.* for the Mayor's expenses and for Henry of Clipston going to parliament for 7 days at 4*s.* a day. For a key for the "Common Coffre" and mending its lock 4*d.*; 40 marks for a certain tax, the King's subsidy, paid to Will. Flamville, knight, collector of the King's subsidy, as shewn by the acquittance made for the Mayor; 4*d.* for writing the receipt; 5*s.* allowed to John of Sleaford of the moiety of the farm of Robert Gesling, butcher, who left the town (devillauit). And 10*s.* allowed to the said Mayor, of rent[2].

Total expense £40. 6*s.*

So there is owed to William, the Mayor, £2. 0*s.* 9½*d.*

CXI. *Conveyance of Borough Lands.*

Box 15, No. 194. [Ap. 27, 1374.] Grant by the Mayor and community of Leicester to Will. of Syston, Rog. of Belgrave, Will. Taillard, Ric. of Knighton, Hen. of Peatling, Will. of Humberston, Will. of Lubbesthorpe, and Andrew Glasenwright of all lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, together with meadows, pastures, waters, ways, paths, villeins and all their chattels and offspring (sequela) with appurtenances in Whetstone, which Richard of Leicester and John

[1] For 4*d.*

[2] Rents of the chambers over the gates, see pp. 144 and 170.

of Stoughton, chaplains, held for their lives by the bequest of Roger of Cossington, sometime vicar of St Martin's Church, Leicester, to remain after the death of the said Richard and John to the Mayor and community aforesaid of the town of Leicester and their successors for ever, and of which the said Richard of Leicester and John of Stoughton gave seisin to the Mayor and community by their deed, to have and to hold to the said William, Roger of Belgrave, William, Richard of Knighton, Henry, William, William and Andrew and their heirs and assigns, for services due to the chief lords of the fee. (Warranty clause and sealing clause) Leicester. Thursday after the feast of St George 48 Ed. III.

[Seal: the cinquefoil as in XXXIV.]

CXII. *Mayor's Account.*

Box 5, No. 131. Box 6, No. 150. [1373–4.] Account of Henry of Clipston, Mayor, etc. 29 Sep. 47 Ed. III.[1], to 29 Sep. 48 Ed. III.

He answers for 10*s.* of the rent of divers tenements[2], and of £1. 7*s.* 3*d.* of rent from Whetstone—£1. 17*s.* 3*d.*

Gild-entries £10. For £3. 3*s.* received from Thomas of Beeby for lead of the community.—For £5. 12*s.* 6*d.* from the collectors of the East Quarter of Leicester, £16. 11*s.* 4*d.* from the collectors of the Quarter of Swinesmarket, for £9. 6*s.* from collectors of the South Quarter, for £9. 7*s.* 7*d.* from collectors of the North Quarter—£40. 17*s.* 5*d.*

Total £55. 17*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. (Usual fees; John of Sleaford, serjeant, and 10*s.* of Leicester rent for the fee of the said Mayor, and 20*s.* given to divers messengers and minstrels[3] of the King and the Duke of Lancaster.) And 1*s.* 8*d.* for a pound of malt going to the use of the community of Leicester, and 1*s.* for the carriage of dung from the lane which leads to the common hall; and 4*s.* to Roger Clerk for keeping the bell which is called "Prime Bell." And 4½*d.* to Walter Crier because he carried lead to the house of Will. Ferrour and in the expenses of Godfrey Foljambe 6*s.*; 4*s.* 3*d.* given to Ric. Clerk because he kept the court of the community (?) (tenuit curr' com') at Whetstone. Beer at Whetstone.—£8. 6*s.* 10*d.* And 40 marks for a certain tax paid to Hugh of Glen, collector of the King's subsidy; £3. 4*s.* to John Stafford and John Peterborough being at the parliament of London for 16 days, viz. 4*s.* a day; £2. 0*s.* 9½*d.* of the arrears of Will. o' the Green last year. And £6. 10*s.* paid for the rent of Whetstone acquired (perquisit') for the use of the community of Leicester.—£38. 8*s.* 1½*d.*

Sum total £46. 14*s.* 11*d.*

Allowance. 20*s.* to the Mayor for the auditors', receivers' and steward's dinner.

He leaves in the hands of Henry Peatling, Mayor, £8. 3*s.* 4½*d.*

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[1] Called 46 Ed. III. in No. 131.

[2] Rents of chambers over the gates.

[3] Here No. 131 ends abruptly without addition.

CXIII. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 172. [1374.] Weighing of bread before Henry of Clipston, Mayor, and John Cook, bailiff, March 10; quarter of medium wheat at 4*s.* 6*d.*, so the wastell should weigh 30*s.*; Ap. 14 the same; June 22, at 4*s.*

CXIV. *Charter from John of Gaunt leasing the Farm of the Borough.*

Box 15, No. 196. [Aug. 20, 1375.] Ceste endenture faite parentre le tres noble seigneur Johan Roy de Castille & de Leon & Duc de Lancastre dune part & le Maire, burgeises & la communalte de la ville de Leycestre daultre part tesmoigne que le dit Duc ad graunte & a ferme lesse as dites Maire, burgeises & communalte, la baillie de la ville susdite & des suburbes dicell, oue toutes manere des execuciones deinz ycell affaire par lours baillifs par eaux deputeez si auant des briefs nostre seigneur le Roy come des aultres execuciones qecomqes deinz la dite ville & suburbes, ensemblement oue toutes manere profites des portmotes, courtes de la feyre & du marchee de dite ville & suburbes, & des aultres courtes qeconques

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This indenture made between the most noble lord John King of Castile and of Leon and Duke of Lancaster of the one part, and the Mayor, burgesses and the commonalty of the town of Leicester of the other part witnesses that the said Duke has granted and let to farm to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty, the bailiwick of the aforesaid town and of the suburbs of the same, with all manner of executions, within the same to be made by their bailiffs deputed by them, as well of writs of our lord the King as of all other executions whatsoever within the said town and suburbs, together with all manner of profits of portmoots, courts of the fair and of the market of the said town and suburbs and of all other courts whatsoever

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CXV. *Sixteenth Century Rendering of the same.*

Locked Book f. 6. Thys endenture made betwix the most excellent lord John kynge of Castell & Leon, Duke of Lancastre, of the one partie and the Mair, burges & comminalte of the towne of Leicestre of the other partie witnessith yat the foresaid Duke hath graunte & to ferme letten to the said Maire, burges & comminalte the balifwyk of the towne, subarbes & feldes of Leicestre with the precincts & pertinauncez of the same with all maner of execucions within the same and all other prophettes to haue and execute by them and their depute or deputes, as well by writte of our souereyn lord Kynge as other wyse, with all maner of prophettes of the †pontmote†, Courtes of the feirez, Markettez, & of all oþer

deinz la dite ville & suburbes par eaux ou lours deputeez †ateners†, oue toutes manere des rentes, fermes & profites deinz la dite ville & suburbes, oue chatealx des futifs & des felones, wayf & extray, fynes & amercementz qecomques faites deuant eaux ou lours deputeez en la dite ville, forsprises rentes & fermes des fornes, molynes & de leawe, & les rentes qe sont leuables par le porter du chastel come auant cestes heures soleient estre leuez, et saluant au dit Duc & a ses heirs escheteez des franches tenementz & sa court a tener en le chastel de Leycestre de trois simaignes en trois, somonces, attachementz, & destresses & toutes aultres manere execuciones en la dite court †aiuggers† parmy toute la dite ville & suburbes par le porter de dit chastel †aleuers† & affaire. Ensement le dit Duc ad graunte as dites Maire, burgeises & communalte & a lours successours la garde des toutes manere des prisones prises en la dite ville & suburbes, si auant pour felonie come pour trespasses agarder solonc la ley & come auant cestes heures attient as baillifs de dit Duc, a auoir & tener as dites Maire, burgeises & communalte & a lours successours, toutes les choses

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within the said town and suburbs, to be held by them or their deputies, with all manner of rents, farms and profits within the said town and suburbs, with chattels of fugitives and felons, waif and stray, fines and amercements whatsoever made before them or their deputies in the said town, excepting rents and farms of ovens, mills and waters, and the rents which are leviable by the porter of the Castle as ere now they were wont to be levied, and saving to the said Duke and his heirs the escheats of free tenements[1], and his court to be held in the Castle of Leicester every three weeks, the summonses, attachments and distresses and all other manner of executions adjudged in the said court throughout all the said town and suburbs, to be levied and made by the porter of the said Castle. Furthermore, the said Duke has granted to the said Mayor, burgesses, and commonalty and their successors the guarding of all kinds of prisoners taken within the said town and suburbs, both for felony and for trespasses, to guard them according to the law, and as before this time belonged to the bailiffs of the said Duke, to have and to hold to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and to their

courtes within the said towne, subarbes, feldes & precincts & all other maner rentes, fermes, waters, & othur prophettez within the same, with goodes & catells of fugitife felons, forfetours of waste, the yere & day of euery of them, felons of them selffe, deodands, tresoure founden or eny other goodes, waiffes strayes, finez, amerciamentes, the goodes of outelawed men and all other prophettes, made or forfett afore theym or afore eny other Iuge within the premissez or their depute or deputes in the said towne, subarbes, feldes & precinctes, as well for felonie, dett, trespas, as eny oþer accions what so euer thei be, with the kepynge of all maner

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[1] Note the omission in the 16th century translation. See below p. 159 and Maitland, *Township and Borough*, pp. 71, 82, 85, 185.

& profites auantdites, forsprises les forsprises auantnomeez & saluez a terme des dys ans, le terme comensant al feste de seint Michel proschein ensuant apres la date dicestes: Rendant ent par an a dit Duc & a ses heirs par les mains son Resceuour de Leycestre quy pour le temps serra quatre vintz liures de bone monee as festes de la purificacion nostre Dame, Pentecoste, & la seint Michel, par owelles porciones issint que a quele heure qe la dite ferme de quatre vintz liures soit aderere, en partie ou en tout, a null des termes susdites, que bien lise au dit Duc & a ses heirs & lours ministres les dites Maire, burgeises & communalte & chescun de eaux destreindre & la destresse prise, retener, chacer & enporter tanque gree lour soit fait des arrerages de la ferme susdite. Et sil auigne que la dite ferme soit aderere pour vn mois apres null des termes susditz, les auantdites Maire, burgeises & communalte grauntent & obligent eaux & lours successours par ycestes de paier au dit Duc & ses heirs cent soldz outre la ferme susdite, pour chescun terme que issint serra

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successors, all the matters and profits aforesaid, saving the exceptions beforenamed, and saving the term of ten years, the term beginning at the feast of St Michael next following after the date of these presents: Rendering for the same yearly to the said Duke and his heirs by the hands of his Receiver of Leicester who for the time being shall be, £80 of good money at the feasts of the Purification of Our Lady, Whitsuntide, and the feast of St Michael by equal portions, provided that whenever the said farm of £80 is in arrear, in part or in whole, at any of the terms abovesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Duke and his heirs and their ministers to distrain the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and each of them and after taking the distress, to keep it, drive and carry it off until satisfaction be done to them concerning the arrears of the farm abovesaid. And if it happen that the said farm be in arrears for a month after any of the terms abovesaid, the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and commonalty agree and bind themselves and their successors by these presents to pay to the said Duke and his heirs 100 shillings beside the farm abovesaid, for each term which shall be thus in

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prisoners taken in eny of the premissez for what cause soeuer they be or shalbe taken, except the Castell of Leicestre, the mill vnder the same, & rentez & seruicez leued by the porter of the said Castell of Leicestre by old tyme acoustomed, and the Courte of the same alonly to be executed within the said fee of the said Castell, and in none other place: To haue & to hold to the seid Maire, burges & comminalte all the premissez for the terme of x yere next foloynge, the terme begynnynge at the fest of Seynt Michaell next commynge, yeldynge therfore yerely to the said Duke †xx†ti li. of lawfull money at the festes of the Purificacion of oure Lady, Pentecoste, & Seynt Mychaell, by even porcions to be payd yerely to the receyvour of the said Duke for tyme beynge: and the seid Duke by thies presentez graunteth to the said Maire, burges & comminalte and their successours, sufficiant tymbre within the woddes of the honour of Leicestrie belongynge to ye said Duke

aderere, durant le terme des dys ans susdites. Et le dit Duc graunte as dites Maire, burgeises & communalte qils aueront grosse mearym de bois de dit Duc pur edifier shopes de nouell, destre arentez au profit des dites Maire, burgeises & communalte pour le terme des dys ans susdites & apres le dit terme au dit Duc & as ses heirs, & auxint il graunte quils aueront grosse mearym en le dit bois pour amendementz & reparaciones des shopes & shameles qui sont arentez a present en le marchee de la dite ville, & que les deux baillifs qui serront esluz en la dite ville par les auantdites Maire, burgeises & communalte aueront robes de sa liuere quant il dorra liuere generale pour le terme susdite. En tesmoigniance de quele chose a lune part de ceste endenture le dit Duc ad mys son seal & a laultre part des dites endentures les auantdites Maire, burgeises & communalte ount mys lour commune seal. Done a Leycestre le lundy proschein apres le feste de lasumpcion nostre Dame lan du regne le Roi Edward tierce puis le conqueste quarante neofisme.

[On a piece of paper attached by a parchment tag there are some scraps of wax of the seal still adhering.]

arrear, during the term of the ten years abovesaid. And the said Duke grants to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty that they shall have large timber from the wood of the said Duke to build shops afresh, to be rented to the profit of the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty for the term of the ten years abovesaid, and after the said term to the said Duke and to his heirs, and also he grants that they shall have large timber in the said wood for the improvements and repairs of the shops and shambles which are now rented in the market of the said town, and that the two bailiffs who shall be elected in the said town by the abovesaid Mayor, burgesses and commonalty shall have robes of his livery when he shall give general livery during the term abovesaid. In witness whereof to the one part of this indenture the said Duke has set his seal and to the other part of the said indentures the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and commonalty have set their common seal. Given at Leicester the Monday next after the feast of the Assumption of our Lady in the forty-ninth year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest.

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to all maner of reparacions for all maner of shoppes, howses, shamelles and all other rentes, with all other clousours to the same in eny wyse belongynge by the ouersighte & assignement of the maister forster or lievetenaunte of the forrest of Leicestre for the tyme beynge to be taken. In wittenesse wherof to this parte of this endenture the said Duke hath sett hys seall; yeven at Leicestre the Mondey next after the fest of the assumpcion of oure Lady in the yere of the reigne of Kyng Edward the thride XLIX[1].

[1] This rendering contains passages which belong not to John's charter but to the charters of his successors, see below.

CXVI. *View of Frankpledge.*

Box 5, No. 125 (2). [Dec. 15, 1375.] Nomina francipleg' videlicet:—

Walt. Barker Franc' } Jur'
Joh. de Barston Franc' }

Joh. Balshawe Franc' } Jur'
Phil. Sclater Franc' }

Joh. Hyngle Franc' } Jur'
†Joh. Smyth† }
†Will. Garlond Franc'† }
Tho. Chaloner Franc' }

(and six more such groups).

Nomina pertinencia visui franciplegiorum tento apud aulam gylde die Martis proxima post festum S. Lucie (49 Ed. III.).

[v°.] +[1] Tho. Curreour.
Joh. Cook werkeman.
+Rad. Chapman. Ric. (non po') et Will. (non po') serui eius.
Rob. Doueland.
+Ad. Glouer et And. seruus eius (po').
.....
Rob. seruus vicarii Omnium Sanctorum.
(In all some 300 names.)
Sūmma xliiii*s.* iiii*d.* Anno xlix.
xli*s.* iiii*d.* Anno l^mo^.

Names of frankpledges, viz:—

Walt. Barker frankpledge[2] } sworn
John of Barston frankpledge }

(and as above).

Names belonging to the view of frankpledge held at the Gildhall on Tuesday next after the feast of St Lucy 49 Ed. III.

+ Tho. Currier.
John Cook workman.
+ Ralph Chapman. Richard (not put[3]) and Will. (not put) his servants.
Rob. Doveland.
+ Adam Glover and Andrew his servant (put).
Robert servant of the Vicar of All Saints.
(etc.)
Total £2. 4*s.* 4*d.*[4] in the 49th year.
£2. 1*s.* 4*d.* in the 50th year.

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[1] A small cross in the original.

[2] Tithing-men or perhaps chief pledges in the several groups making a jury of twelve freeholders for the frankpledge presentments.

[3] Not put in frankpledge.

[4] Pence paid by those entering frankpledge.

Box L, No. 248 (3). [1375–6.] Roll of names belonging to the view of the 'Pulkyrkyrk"[1] held there by custom on the vigil of the Circumcision (Dec. 31).

(A list of names of those put and not put in frankpledge follows.)

(4) Roll of names belonging to the view of the Berehill[2] held there on the eve of the Epiphany in the 49th year (a similar list, followed by the names of 12 frankpledges in six pairs marked "Jur'" as above).

CXVII. *Mayors' Accounts.*

Box 5, No. 121. [1375–6.] Account of William Ferour, Mayor (etc.), 29 Sep. 46 Ed. III. to 29 Sep. 50 Ed. III.

Rents of Assize. He answers for £1. 16*s.* 8*d.* of rents of divers tenements of Leicester for the whole year. And for £3. 18*s.* 6*d.* of rent of Whetstone for that year. And he answers for 1*s.* 4*d.* of the receipt of the bakers[3] at the time of Candlemas and Whitsuntide.—Total £5. 16*s.* 6*d.*

He answers for £27. 13*s.* 4*d.* (gild entries). And for a fine from Emma wife of Will. Steyn of Whetstone for entrance to a moiety of a virgate of land and a messuage in that town, 2*s.* And for the fines of pigs, offending against the Mayor's prohibition this year, 1*s.*—Total £27. 16*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of all the receipt £33. 12*s.* 10*d.*

Allowance of the Mayor's fee. From which he accounts for £2 for the expenses of the said Mayor's dinner. And of 13*s.* 4*d.* for the salmon fee belonging to the said Mayor. And of £2 in the fee of the clerk of the said Mayor. And of 6*s.* 8*d.* in the parchment fee that year. And of £1 for the fee of John Sleaford common serjeant that year. And of 9*s.* 3*d.* of the rent of Leicester for the fee of the said Mayor yearly[4]. And 4*s.* 10*d.* paid for suit to the Court of Winchester and of the lord of Beaumont[5].—Total £6. 14*s.* 7*d.*

Expenses. He accounts for 4*s.* 6*d.* paid at divers times for cleaning of streets. And for 5*s.* in mending of pavements. And for £2 for the expenses of the said Mayor in business of the town at London. For 10½*d.* for expenses at Harborough. And £1 in reward of the messengers, runners and minstrels at divers times this year. And for £3. 9*s.* 2*d.* in the expenses of the said Mayor at Lenton and Nottingham on the business of the said town. For expenses at the time when the auditors of the lord and other honest men dined with the said Mayor £2. And in reward of the men of the same auditors 6*s.* And (wine) to Sir [Robert] of Swillington for the honour of the town. And (wine) given in the presence of the Steward and Will. Chiselden, Thomas Beby and Roger Belgrave being witnesses. (Wine) to the Prior of Lenton in honour of the town, witness Will. Tailard. And (wine) in the presence of Ralph Ferrers and other honest men of the town on the day of the dinner of the lord Grey. And +£5. 2*s.* 7*d.*+ (disallowed)[6] for expenses of

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[1] St Sepulchre's church. North's *St Martin's*, p. 200, speaks of Pulcre well, "a well near St Sepulchre's chapel, on the site of the present Infirmary."

[2] Now Haymarket. See I. pp. 92, 308.

[3] For breaches of the assize of bread.

[4] Rent of the chambers over the gates.

[5] This payment is in connection with the town's lands at Whetstone.

[6] Written above the line.

the said Mayor at London, on the business of the said town. And †£3. 5*s.*† (disallowed) for expenses there on the business of the said town for a month. And 3*s.* 9*d.* for the expenses of Oliver of Barton for the honour of the town. And 10*s.* for expenses incurred for the two days when the Justices were taking assizes, for the keeping of the peace of those days. And £1 in the expense of a present (zennii) sent to Robert Swillington, viz. in bread, beer, wine, meat and oats, for the profit of the town. And 16*s.* for wine sent to lady Katherine [Swynford, mistress] of the Duke of Lancaster, and drunk by the bearers of the same. And 4*s.* paid to Roger Clerk for ringing the bell on Saturdays.—Total £12. 8*s.* 7½*d.*

Allowance for gild entrance. He claimed allowance for 6*s.* 8*d.* (not allowed) for the fine of John Rich, tailor, because he is very poor and has not whereof he can pay. And for 6*s.* 8*d.* of the fine of John March, skinner, because he fled the town (etc.).—Total 13*s.* 4*d.*

†He accounts for ...[1] paid for the profit of the town and for the salvation of its liberties, viz. for having a letter, having power to distrain all persons unjustly taking toll from the burgesses of Leicester against the tenour of the charter of the community of the town aforesaid, as appears in the said letter.†

Allowance. He accounts for £8 granted in the common hall in the time of H. Peatling, Mayor, for giving a horse to Tho. Hungerford in aid of the aforesaid town, by witness of.... And for 13*s.* 4*d.* for having the writing of five letters of the lord. And for having eight writs of the King.—Total £8. 19*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of the allowance of all expenses and payments, £28. 15*s.* 10½*d.*

And so all being accounted and allowed the said William owes clear £4. 16*s.* 11½*d.*

Box 6, No. 161. [1376–7.] Account of Will. Tailleart, Mayor, 29 Sep. 50 Ed. III. to the Michaelmas next following.

He answers for £21. 4*s.* 11*d.* received from a certain tax by four tallies. And for £10 received for the indentures of Richard Martin and Richard of Gamston, chamberlains of the town of Leicester. And for £2. 13*s.* 4*d.* received from the gild entries, besides those contained in the roll of the said chamberlains.—£33. 18*s.* 3*d.*

Fees (as usual; conclusion torn)—£6. 9*s.* 3*d.* And 10*s.* for the expenses of Sir Thomas of Hungerford, Steward of the lord Duke staying at Leicester for three days by consent of (2 witnesses named) for the honour of the town, as is allowed in the preceding account. And 20*s.* in the expenses of the auditors of the lord Steward and others dining and supping with the Mayor for the honour and profit of the town. And 11*s.* 4*d.* to the messengers of the King and the minstrels of the Duke (etc. torn)—£2. 5*s.* 8*d.*

And £13 paid to Alice of Peatling for money owed for the time of Henry [of Peatling] late Mayor of the town. And £8 paid to Henry of Clipston, and 4*s.* paid to the chamberlain of the town. And £1. 16*s.* paid to Thomas Chapman and John Foode being in London at the lord King's council by letter under the privy seal; 4*s.* to Roger clerk of the church of St Martin for bell-ringing as is allowed in the aforesaid account.—£23. 4*s.*

Total £31. 18*s.* 11*d.*; and so he owes clear £1. 19*s.* 4*d.*

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[1] Torn.

CXVIII. *List of Rents of Shops.*

Box L, No. 248 (8). [1376.] *Redditus Allutariorum anno l^mo.*[1] Will. de Rerysby, Tho. Wryght, Ric. Elme, Rob. Burstall junior, Will. Hikkelyng, Rob. Somerby, Rob. Burstall senior, Joh. Balle, Will. George, Tho. Gounfrey, Tho. Burstall, Will. de Rerysby, Will. de Burstall. (Total rent of their shops 18*s.* 3*d.*)

Irnemongiers. Ric. de Burgh, Will. Ferour, Rog. Kibworth, Walt. Ferour, Tho. Desford, Will. Lubenham, Will. Smyth de Hynde, Rob. Smyth de Cropston, Will. de Neuton, Joh. Reynold, Rob. Halton, Will. de Panell, Rog. Smyth de Belgrave, Joh. Adecok, Joh. Reynold, Will. Smyth, Ric. Pakynton, Joh. Graue de Weston. (Total rent of their shops £2. 10*s.* 11*d.*)

Draperie. Hen. Tailour, Will. de Cotes, Will. Kereby, Leticia Deken, Rob. Neuton, Ric. Tailour de Aisshedon, Tho. Kereby, Joh. Prentys, Will. Standyrose, Rog. Beby, Joh. Tylney, Will. Kyng, Will. Plante, Rob. Ay, Galf. de Silby, Joh. Draper de Siston, Will. Hosewyf, Will. Tailour de Desford, Will. de Kereby, Simon de Silby, Will. Greystoke, Hen. Tailour, Joh. Hosewyf. (Total rent of their shops £2. 1*s.* 3*d.*)

Mercery. Tho. de Beby, Rob. Wellynburgh, Will. Sulney, Rog. Veizy, Rob. Savage, Nic. Glover, Joh. Virly, Joh. Tailour, Joh. Wynchelse, Gilb. Lyndron, Will. Weston, Will. Bradley, Rog. Spicer, Galf. Clerk, Will. Otheshop, Will. Ilveston, Ric. Swythell, Joh. Turnour, Rob. Reser, Joh. Couper pro le Tolbothe, pro 1 camera super eundem[2]. Ric. Belamy, Tho. Wryght. (Total rent of their shops £2. 19*s.* 2*d.*)

Flesshewers. Tho. Berege, Joh. Berdewell, Ric. Jeke and Rad. Rotheley, Ric. Thorp, Will. Bocher de Wykinston, and Will. Bocher de Desford, Will. de Seyton, Joh. Wodard, Walt. Palmer de Billesdon, Joh. de Merton de Gildemorton, Alex. Sare de Thornton, Ric. de Thorp, junior. (Total rent of their shambles £3. 8*s.*)

(Sum total £11. 8*s.* 7*d.*)

CXIX. *Assize of Bread.*

Box 7, No. 173 (1), and No. 174. [1377.] Jan. 21, weighing of bread before Will. Tailleart, Mayor, Will. Humberston and Will. Lubbesthorp, bailiffs; quarter of medium wheat 3*s.* 6*d.*; March 13, the same; Aug. 8, 3*s.* 4*d.*

No. 174, another copy of the same, adds under the head "Walkermoll"[3] 5 names; each pays a shilling.

CXX. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 7, No. 173 (2). [1376–7.] Entries:—Joh. Mylner de Merston, Rog. de Appelby, Joh. Belgraue, Will. Buk, Joh. Brygford, Joh. Denys, Joh. Taverner, Joh. Draper corueser, Will. de Stretton, Ric. Smyth de Burton, Tho. Milner, Joh. Eston, Joh. Knygton, Hen. Tailour, Alan Richemund, Will. Drakelow,

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[1] Rents of the cordwainers in the 50th year.

[2] John Cooper, for the Tollbooth, for 1 chamber over the same.

[3] Tax on fullers, see below.

Joh. Spenser, Rad. Tailour, Will. Wynley, Walt. Wryght, Tho. de Eyton, Ric. Aredale, Joh. Bramfeld, Ric. Blodlater, Rog. de Glentham, Will. Osteler.

Note that Will. Tailleart received in the 51st year from the collection of Leicester £21. Whereof he paid £8 to Hen. of Clipston. And to Alice Peatling £13 and to the chamberlains of the said town 4*s*.

CXXI. *View of Frankpledge.*

Box 4, No. 105. [Dec. 14, 1377.] Leicestria. ¶ Nomina pertinencia visui del Swynesmarket tento apud aulam gilde die lune proxima post festum S. Lucie a. r. r. Ricardi [secundi] post conquestum primo.

[A long list of names, masters and servants, without arrangement, as in CXVI.]

[v°.] Francipleg'. Joh. Tailour, Reg. Glouer, Will. de Endirby, Hen. Joynour, Joh. de Houby, Will. del Frith, Ric. de Weldon chaloner, Will. de Barwe, Nic. Hendeman, Joh. de Kibworth curreour, Tho. Elyman.

Summa istius visus cum amerciamentis captis v*li.* x*s.* Et hoc super C.

Leicester. ¶ Names belonging to the View of the Swinesmarket held at the Gildhall on Monday next after the feast of St Lucy 1 Ric. II. Frankpledges (11 named).

Total of this view with amercements taken £5. 10*s.* And this [is charged] on C[1].

CXXII. *Chamberlains' Account.*

No. 264 (1)[2]. [1376–7.] [Ric. of][3] Gamston and Ric. Marten, chamberlains of the town of Leicester, for all (their receipts and expenses), 29 Sep. 50 Ed. III. to the same feast the year following.

Rents of assize. First they answer for £1. 15*s.* 11*d.* received of the rent of assize of tenements in Leicester for the whole year. And for £4. 1*s.* 1½*d.* of rent of assize from tenements in Whetstone for the same whole year etc. as appears by the rental made hereof.—Total £5. 17*s.* 0½*d.*

Fines. They answer for £6. 10*s.* received of the fines of those entering the gild of merchants as appears by the roll made hereof. And for the fine of Will. Steyn of Whetstone for entry into a messuage and a half virgate of land, 2*s.*—Total £6. 12*s.*

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[1] There appear to have been two rolls kept by an official C[anterbury] and by one E[vington]. The rolls of C and E are constantly referred to below, see CXXXIII.

[2] Not in a box. [3] Torn away.

Surplus. They answer for £16. 4*s.* 1*d.* received on the account of Ric. of Knighton and Will. Thornton late bailiffs of the said town of Leicester as appears in the end of the account of the said Richard and William. And for 4*s.* received from Will. Tailard, Mayor of the said town, of the surplus of a tax collected by the said Mayor.—Total £16. 8*s.* 1*d.*

Arrears. They answer for £4. 16*s.* 11½*d.* received from Will. Ferour late Mayor of this town of arrears on the account of the said William as appears in his account etc.—Total £4. 16*s.* 11½*d.*

Receipt of money. They answer for £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* received from Alice of Peatling for having her feoffment of a certain garden enclosed (inclus') outside the North Gate.—Total £1. 6*s.* 8*d.*

They answer for 5*s.* received from Henry of Walton from gifts and perquisites to the bridges of Leicester. And for 6*s.* 8*d.* received from Will. Spencer, late servant of Henry of Peatling etc.—Total 11*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of receipt £35. 12*s.* 5*d.*

Allowance. Whereof they claim allowance for 3*s.* 6*d.* paid to the Abbot of Leicester for arrears of the rent of the tenement which John Balle holds. And of 3*s.* 10*d.* paid to the lord of Beaumont for tenements in Whetstone. And of 1*s.* paid for suit of the court of Winchester.—Total 8*s.* 4*d.*

Payment of pence. They claim allowance for £6 paid to Will. Tailard, Mayor, for the expense of making his dinner and for the fee of his clerk and common serjeant. And for £4 paid to the said William another time in the Gildhall for doing divers business of the town. And for £8. 4*s.* paid to Roger Belgrave and Rob. Hornylowe[1] burgesses going to parliament this year.—Total £18. 4*s.*

Expenses. They account for 2*s.* 10*d.* paid to two masons (lapicidis) working at Whetstone on the common oven for three days and a half. And in a certain mill-stone (molari) and other stones bought for the fabric (fabricam) of the said oven 2*s.* 6*d.* And for 4*d.* for a bushel of lime for the said oven. In shingle-nails (clauis cindularum[2]) there used, 2*d.* And in straw bought there for covering the said oven 4*d.* They account for 4*d.* for the honour of the town presented to a certain messenger of the lord King coming here etc. And in parchment and a little sack bought by reason of necessity 4*d.* To a working man making the wall at Whetstone for 3 days 6*d.*, taking by day 2*d.* For the fine of Tho. Milner entering the Gild Merchant received by Will. Tailard, Mayor, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Allowance. And for 16*s.* 11*d.* pardoned in the common hall to Will. Ferour by the community.—Total £1. 10*s.* 11½*d.*

Sum total of expense and payment of pence £20. 3*s.* 3½*d.*

And so they owe clear £15. 9*s.* 1½*d.* Whereof they paid on account £14. 10*s.* to Tho. Wakefield and Nic. Glover, chamberlains. And so there remain in the keeping of the said Richard and Richard 19*s.* 1½*d.* And the said Richard and Richard delivered to Thomas and Nicholas a charter of a messuage late Will. Walker's and of the aforesaid pence they acknowledge (constant) a sum wrongly [accounted]...(torn and defaced) 11*d.*

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[1] Written over Ric. Knyghton and Ric. of Gamston deleted.

[2] Shingles were wooden tiles, used especially for the fronts of houses. Skeat's *Etym. Dict.* and *Finchale Accounts* s. v. chyngil nayles.

CXXIII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 56. [1377.] Morningspeech of the "chapman gild" of Leicester, Will. Ferour then being Mayor. In the name of God. 1 Ric. II. (38 entries, most of the names illegible.)

CXXIV. *Account of the Farm of the Borough.*

Box 6, No. 162[1]. [1377–8.] *Villa Leycestrie.* Transcriptum compoti Maioris, burgensium et communitatis ville ibidem de proficuis et firma dicte ville a festo S. Michaelis (1 Ric. II.) usque idem festum (2 Ric. II.) viz. per unum annum integrum.

Onerantur per concordiam cum consilio domini loco arreragiorum compoti precedentis[1]. Iidem onerantur de xxvi*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.* de firma ville de termino Michaelis anno xlix quo termino ceperunt villam cum proficuis...[2] ad firmam pro iiii^{xx}*li.* terminis Michaelis, Purificacionis et Pentecost soluendis sic[ut] concordatur cum domino et consilio suo secundum formam [et] effectum indenture dimissionis inde. Et de x*li.* iii*s.* vii*d.* ob. de redditu terrarum et tenementorum existencium in manu domini per esceatam pro iii annis [proximis preteritis] quolibet anno lxvii*s.* x*d.* ob. quas ipsi leuauerunt ad opus suum proprium contra formam dicte indenture sic concordate cum consilio domini.—Summa xxxvi*li.* xvi*s.* xi*d.* ob.

Town of Leicester. Copy of the account of the Mayor, burgesses and commonalty of the town there of the profits and farm of the said town 29 Sep. 1 Ric. II. to 29 Sep. 2 Ric. II., viz. for a whole year.

They are charged by agreement with the lord's council in place of arrears of the preceding account. They are charged with £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* of the farm of the town for Michaelmas term in the 49th year, at which term they took the town with the profits...at farm for £80 at the terms Michaelmas, Candlemas and Whitsuntide to be paid as agreed with the lord and his council according to the form and the effect of the indenture of the demise thereof. And with £10. 3*s.* 7½*d.* of rent of lands and tenements being in the hand of the lord by escheat for three years last past, in each year £3. 7*s.* 10½*d.* which they levied for their own use contrary to the form of the said indenture thus agreed upon with the council of the lord[3].—Total £36. 16*s.* 11½*d.*

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[1] In the margin. [2] Torn. [3] See note, p. 150.

Firma. Et de iiii^{xx}*li.* de firma ville per annum sic dimissa eisdem Maiori, burgensibus et communitati soluenda terminis Michaelis, Purificacionis et Pentecost...eisdem a dicto festo S. Michaelis dicto anno xlix usque finem x annorum proxime sequencium plenarie completorum cum omnibus proficuis et saluis domino et heredibus suis escaetis liberorum tenencium et curia sua tenenda in castro Leycestrie de iii septimanis in iii septimanis, summonicionibus, attachiamentis, districcionibus, et aliis execucionibus in dicta curia adiudicandis, per totam dictam villam et †subburgium† per ianitorem dicti castri factis et leuandis.

Summa iiii^{xx}*li.*

Summa totalis recepti cxvi*li.* xvi*s.* xi*d.* ob.

De quibus liberantur domino Willelmo de Chuselden Receptori honoris Leycestrie de hoc anno iiii^{xx}*li.* Et debent xxxvi*li.* xvi*s.* xi*d.* ob. De quibus allocantur eisdem x*li.* iii*s.* vii*d.* ob. de redditu, firmis et perquisitis Curie exeuntibus de diuersis tenementis existentibus in manu domini per escaetam pro iii annis proximis precedentibus virtute litterarum domini domino Philippo de Milre...auditori suo hic inde directarum et compoto de hoc anno consutari. Dat' viii die Januarii proximo post finem istius viz. pro quolibet anno lxvii*s.* x*d.* ob. Et sic debent ultra de claro xxvi*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

Farm. And with £80 of the farm of the town by year thus demised to the same Mayor, burgesses and commonalty, to be paid at the terms Michaelmas, Candlemas and Whitsuntide...by them from the said feast of Michaelmas in the said 49th year till the end of ten years next following fully complete, with all profits, and saving to the lord and his heirs the escheats of free tenants and saving his court to be held in Leicester Castle from three weeks to three weeks, summonses, attachments, distraints and other executions to be adjudged in the said court throughout all the said town and suburb made and to be levied by the porter of the said Castle.—Total £80.

Sum total of receipt £116. 16*s.* 11½*d.*

Of which paid to Sir Will. of Chisledon Receiver of the honour of Leicester for this year £80[1]. And they owe £36. 16*s.* 11½*d.* Of which £10. 3*s.* 7½*d.* is allowed to them from the rent, farms, and perquisites of the court issuing from divers tenements being in the hand of the lord by escheat for the three years last preceding by virtue of the letters of the lord directed here concerning this to Sir Philip de Milre...his auditor and to be sewed to the account of this year. Dated the 8th day of January, next after the end of this [term?]; that is for each year £3. 7*s.* 10½*d.* And so they owe further clear £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*

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[1] There is a fragment of Will. of Chisledon's receipt for a part of the farm of £80 in Box 3, No. 78 (3).

CXXV. *Writ for a Balinger*[1].

Box H, No. 393[2]. [Nov. 30, 1377.] Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie, Francie & Dominus Hibernie Aldermanno balliuis et probis hominibus villarum de Leycestria et Staunford salutem. Quia in presenti parliamento nostro per nos et consilium nostrum de assensu militum, ciuium & burgensium pro communitate regni nostri Anglie ibidem summonitorum ordinatum existit quod certe parue bargee vocate balyngers in regno nostro Anglie vsque ad certum numerum per vos et alias civitates & bonas villas eiusdem regni fiant & parentur citra primum diem Marcii proxime futurum ad proficiscendum in obsequium nostrum in saluacionem et defensionem regni predicti cum nauigio nostro quod tunc supra mare proficisci ordinatur, assignauimus vos ad vnam parvam bargeam competentem vocatam balyngere cum remis inter quinquaginta et quadraginta fieri faciendam: Et ideo vobis districtius quo poterimus iniungimus et mandamus quod bargeam predictam cum omni celeritate qua fieri poterit citra dictum primum diem Marcii ad custus proborum, validiorum & magis diuitum hominum villarum predictarum tantum et non aliorum, aliquas alias

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Richard by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to the alderman, bailiffs and honest men of the towns of Leicester and Stamford greeting. Whereas in our present parliament it has been ordained by us and our council by assent of the knights, citizens and burgesses there summoned for the commonalty of our realm of England, that certain small barges called balingers should be made up to a certain number in our realm of England by you and by other cities and good towns of this realm, and should be got ready before the first day of March next following, to go forth in our service for the safety and defence of the realm aforesaid with our fleet, which is ordered then to put out to sea, we have assigned to you the making of one suitable small barge called a balinger, with from forty to fifty oars: Wherefore we enjoin you as strictly as may be and command that ye make and prepare the aforesaid barge with all possible haste before the said first day of March at the cost of only the most honourable and well-to-do and richest men of the towns aforesaid, and not of

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[1] A war-vessel.

[2] This has been docketed 1 Ric. III. and is in a box of papers of his reign. In return for the grant Richard II. promised to confirm the town charters. See No. CXXXV. below. Cf. *Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1377, p. 203. Nichols IV. i. p. 367. *Rot. Parl.* III. 17. Cf. *Nottingham Records*, I. p. 196, and Green's *Town-Life* (for the cost of a balinger) I. p. 87.

gentes mediocres vel inferioris status ad expensas bargee predicte sicut inde respondere volueritis nullo modo onerantes, quacumque excusacione cessante, fieri & parari faciant: Ita semper quod dicta bargea ad vestri periculum prompta sit et parata cum sufficienti apparatu eodem die ad vltimum ad locum vobis per admirallum nostrum inde assignandum ad proficiscendum supra mare cum navigio predicto sine difficultate aliquali, scientes pro certo quod si nauigium predictum, pro defectu facture dicte bargee per vestri negligenciam vel tepititatem, quod absit, impeditum vel retardatum fuerit, vos tanquam dictum viagium impedientes non inmerito puniri faciemus: Volumus autem & est nostre clare intencionis quod statim postquam dictum viagium supra mare fuerit completum & nauigium ab inde redierit, bargea predicta vobis, qui eam sic in presenti necessitate nostra fieri feceritis, deliberetur indilate vt vos inde tanquam de catallis vestris propriis libere disponere et commodum vestrum facere valeatis absque impedimento vel calumpnia nostri inde aliqualiter vlterius faciend'. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xxx die Novembris anno regni nostri primo.

BENYNGTON.

Per ipsum regem & consilium in parliamento.

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others, in no wise charging any of the other poorer people or those of humbler estate for the expenses of the aforesaid barge, without making any excuse whatever, as ye will have to answer for the same: But so that the said barge be ready at your peril and prepared with proper equipment on the said day at the latest at the place to be assigned to you for this purpose by our admiral, to put out to sea with the aforesaid fleet without any hindrance, knowing surely that if the said fleet be hindered or delayed, for default of the making of the said barge by your neglect or lukewarmness (which God forbid), we shall cause you to be deservedly punished as hindering the said voyage: We also will and it is our clear intention that immediately after the conclusion of the said sea-voyage and the return of the fleet from the same, the aforesaid barge, which ye will have thus made in our present necessity, shall be delivered to you without delay that you may freely dispose of it as of your own chattels and may make your own advantage of it, without hindrance or claim to be made by us herein in any way any more. Witness myself at Westminster on the 30th day of November in the first year of our reign.

BENYNGTON.

By the king himself and the council in parliament.

CXXVI. *Town profits from various sources.*

Box 9, No. 204. [1377–8.] Leicester. Note of divers profits arising from divers causes and received by Robert Horninglow and John Prentice, bailiffs of the aforesaid town from Michaelmas 1 Ric. II. to Michaelmas next following.

From the butchers' tables on Saturday next after Michaelmas 2*s.* 3*d.*

(And a long roll of these payments, for the successive Saturdays.)—Total £4. 3*s.* 0½*d.*

For fees taken[1] *and suits.* (Feod' pris' et suet'.)

From Rob. Thakker for fee taken 4*d.*

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From fee and suit taken (de feodo ac sueta pris') from two strangers of Thurcaston 3*s.*

For fee taken on two occasions 8*d.*

From four Brabançons and a woman, for the same 1*s.* 8*d.*

From three men from Ireland for the same 1*s.*

From three strangers for the same 1*s.* 3*d.*

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From the butcher, servant of John Peterborough late dyer 1*s.*

From the servant of the Friars Preachers for the same 4*d.*

From Will. Matressmaker for the same 4*d.*

From three men divers times imprisoned, for the same 1*s.*

From four strangers of whom one with a hobby-horse[2] 1*s.* 4*d.*

From three Welshmen and a woman, for the same 1*s.* 4*d.*

From Michael Brabançon for suit taken from aliens sworn to the King to conduct themselves with fealty to him and his heirs 2*s.*

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From Will. of Newton, Brabançon, for the same 1*s.* 4*d.*

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(1*s.* each from Will. Irissh and 10 others surnamed Irish.)

—Total £3. 12*s.* 11*d.*

Rent of St Nicholas' Shambles (shamell') at three terms £3. 5*s.*

[v°.] *Fines.* From Will. Butcher of Wigston for trespass done to the lord on market-day 6*s.* 8*d.*

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From Ric. Flesshewer of Thorp for sale of unwholesome meat 6*d.*

From the fine of Will. Wynley for entrance into the Shambles (of two gables[3]) 10*s.*

Total £5. 0*s.* 11*d.*

Waifs[4] *and Strays*[5]. (Vag' et extrau[ra].)

They answer for a certain linen cloth found as a waif and sold 4*d.*

Three cows found as waif, sold for 21*s.*

Six lambskins and 1 lining (?) (revers') sold for 1*s.*

For a lamb found as a stray (vt strago) and sold 1*s.* 1*d.*

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[1] Probably fees from strangers for leave to trade.

[2] A pony.

[3] "Duarum gabullarum" written over "ingressum."

[4] I.e. stolen goods abandoned by thieves.

[5] Beasts for which no owner can be found.

For a porker found in the same way and sold 4*d.*
For a horse found as waif and sold for 10*s.*
—Total £1. 13*s.* 8*d.*
Chattels of felons and fugitives.
From chattels of Will. Fletcher fugitive etc. 8*s.*
From chattels of Will. Barbour fugitive sold £2.
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From chattels of a certain baker hanged as a felon appraised at 4*s.* 6*d.*
From chattels of John Raulot chaplain, fugitive 1*s.* 8*d.*—£2. 16*s.* 2*d.*
This roll[1] is entered in the paper (+Istud+ rotulus intratur in papir'.)

CXXVII. *Re-entry of the Merchant Gild.*

V. B. No. 81. [Nov. 16, 1377.] Thos. de Mildenhall came into Court on Monday next after S. Martin's day 1 Ric. II. and on account of trespass committed, took his oath to the mayor and community again and entered the Gild Merchant and paid the bull etc.: and 10*s.*: Pledges...And hereon he acknowledged himself to be bound to the said Mayor and community in 100*s.*, if he, the said Thomas, should in the future trespass against the Mayor and community as is aforesaid. Of which 10*s.*, the Mayor received 3*s.* 4*d.* for the bull as of his fee; and Nicholas Glover and Thomas Wakefield, then treasurers, received 6*s.* 8*d.* for the common utility.

CXXVIII. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 57. [1378.] This is the Morningspeech of the Chapmangild of Leicester, Will. Ferour then being Mayor 2 Ric. II. Entries :—Will. Tonge civis London, Tho. Kyngson quondam servus Johannis Howby, Joh. de Wolaston taverner, Hen. Lyndeby roper, Will. Salcok, Joh. Fournour, Pet. de Tykhul cook, Joh. de Howdeyn taverner, Will. Bakster, Joh. Strongharme, Benet Tailour de Brumfelde, Rob. Skelyngton, Joh. Loksmyth, Hugo Grandchamp forbyouer[2], Hugo de Kynton tailour, Joh. Schyryngham, Joh de Frisby cartwryght, Tho. Lasselles skinner, Joh. Lytyllworth fyssher, Joh. Colchestre, Ric. Ostwyfford baker fratrum minorum[3] (pledges Rog. Sporriour and Joh. Sporriour chamberlains), Joh. Tailour ad portas boriales, Joh. Tapesser de Schyrwood.

CXXIX. *Chamberlains' Account.*

No. 264 (2)[4]. [1377–8.] Account of Thomas Wakefield and Nicholas Glover[5].
Arrears. The said Tho. and Nic. answer for £1. 19*s.* 4*d.* of arrears of Will. Tailleart, Mayor. And for £15. 9*s.* 1½*d.* received of arrears of Ric. Gameston and Ric. Martyn, chamberlains of Leicester this year.—£17. 8*s.* 5½*d.*

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[1] The roll itself is parchment.
[2] furbour, furbisher of arms.
[3] Baker of the Friars Minors.
[4] Not in a box.
[5] Undated, but 1–2 Ric. II., see below. Wrongly marked 16 Ric. II.

Rents. And for £1. 11*s.* 5½*d.* of rents of divers tenements in Leicester and of £4. 1*s.* 1½*d.* of rents of the town of Whetstone.—£5. 12*s.* 7*d.*

And for £12 received of divers persons entering the Gild Merchant.

And for £2. 0*s.* 8*d.* received of...collectors of the tenth 1 Ric. II.

They answer for 1*s.* for pigs taken wandering in the town.

And for 4*d.* received on a certain tax of the town of Leicester.—1*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total £37. 3*s.*

Of which they account for £4 paid to Will. Ferour.

And for £6 paid to the said Will. on our account.

And 8*s.* of rent at the West Gate allowed to the Mayor.

And £17. 7*s.* 4½*d.* spent on a chamber on the West Gate[1] and paid to Geoff. Clek, Ric. of Knighton and Ric. Gamston being at parliament and divers others.

And £1. 2*s.* 1*d.* paid to Will. Ferour for keys[2] and timber.

Total £28. 17*s.* 5*d.*

And so they owe clear £8. 5*s.* 7*d.* Whereof paid for parchment 2½*d.* And allowed to the said chamberlains 6*s.* 8*d.* for the fine of John, husband of Matilda of Northampton, who was pardoned by the community in the hall by reason of poverty (causa inopie). And 6*s.* 8*d.* of the fine of John Burstall by reason of his inheritance.

And so there remain in the hands of the said chamberlains £7. 12*s.* 0½*d.*

[Indenture attached.]

Note that by this indenture Roger Spurrier and John Spurrier chamberlains on their account delivered to Ric. Gamston and Rob. Anstey chamberlains a charter of yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* from the tenement in Great Glen. And 4 charters of tenements in Billesdon. And a charter of a tenement in Leicester. And five charters of tenements in Stretton. Item gages taken for trespass made with pigs. First 1 pitcher (urceolus) for 2 pigs. A jug for 1 pig. Item a hatchet (?) (exac')[3] for 1 pig. A laver for 2 pigs. Another laver for 1 pig. A hammer (malleus) for 1 pig. Item 1 basin (?) (gachyn)[4] for 1 pig. A pan for 1 pig. A small pot for 1 pig. Item they delivered an old lock (vnam ceram antiquam) with a small instrument of iron.

CXXX. *Building Account*[5].

Box L, No. 248 (7)[6]. [1377–8.] Fait a remembrer de la parte que Nic. Glouere ad paye pour honerage a carpenteres et a altres honeradoures et pour altres choses.

Paye pour 1 carpentere pour vii iours & dim. vii*s.* vi*d.*

(Other carpenters.) Summa xxi*s.* iii*d.*

Be it remembered of the part that Nic. Glover has paid for loading to carpenters and to other loaders and for other things. Paid for a carpenter for 7½ days 7*s.* 6*d.*—Total £1. 1*s.* 3*d.*

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[1] For the details see below CXXX.

[2] MS. *clavibus*, but perhaps by mistake for *clavis*.

[3] Not a known word; see its use in a similar sense p. 174.

[4] Not a known word, probably some washing utensil.

[5] For a chamber at the West Gate, see above.

[6] Badly injured with damp.

Item paye a 1 homme de Arderne pour xii arbres x*s.* (other trees). Item pour tables et latthes iiii*s.*...Item pour vii esporounz[1] xii*d.*... Summa xlv*s.* vi*d.*

Item paye pour ii mil. & dim. de sclates vi*s.* iii*d.*

Item paye pour cariage de dit sclates iiii*s.* ii*d.* (2 other like entries.)

Item paye pour baterer lez ditez sclates iii*s.*

Item paye pour percer lez ditez sclates xx*d.*...

Item paye pour honerage de dit sclates xiiii*d.* ob.

Item paye a lez sclatieres vi*s.* viii*d.* (and others)....—Summa xlix*s.* i*d.* ob.

Item paye pour iii quart' de Kaux iii*s.* ix*d.* Item paye pour slekkynges de dite Kaux (defaced). Item paye pour iiii charettez chargez de sabulun (defaced)....Item paye pour vi strikes de Kaux xii*d.* (and others). Item paye pour 1 homme pour iiii iours xvi*d.* (and another)....Summa xiii*s.* vi*d.*

Item paye pour cariage de mereme xii*d.* Item paye a sawyerez vi*d.*...Item pour ii trappes iiii*d.* Item paye a Roger Hirnmonger pour clowes et pour twystez[2] a portez et a fenestrez xvii*d.* ob. Item paye pour clowes ii*d.* ob. Item paye pour sclatpynnes xxi*d.* Item paye a Will. Leget pour 1 mesoun pour mettre Kaux et sabuloun viii*d.*

Item paye pour vi charrettes chargez de cley xxx*d.*

Item paye pour dauberie dez murez ii*s.* iiii*d.*

Item paye a John Smyt pour twyste vii*d.*

Paid to a man from Arden[3] for 12 trees 10*s.* For boards and laths 4*s.* For 7 spurs[1] 1*s.*...Total £2. 5*s.* 6*d.*

Paid for two thousand and a half of slates 6*s.* 3*d.* Paid for the carriage of the said slates 4*s.* 2*d.* Paid for battering the said slates 3*s.* Paid for piercing the said slates[4] 1*s.* 8*d.* Paid for the loading of the said slates 1*s.* 2½*d.* Paid to the slaters 6*s.* 8*d.*—Total £2. 9*s.* 1½*d.*

Paid for three quarters of lime 3*s.* 9*d.* Paid for slaking the said lime... Paid for four carts loaded with sand. Paid for six strikes of lime 1*s.* Paid for a man for four days 1*s.* 4*d.*—Total 13*s.* 6*d.*

Paid for carriage of timber 1*s.* Paid to sawyers 6*d.* For two traps 4*d.* Paid to Roger Ironmonger for nails and hinges for doors and windows 1*s.* 5½*d.* Paid for nails 2½*d.* Paid for slate-pins 1*s.* 9*d.* Paid to Will. Leget for a house to put the lime and sand in 8*d.* Paid for six carts loaded with clay

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[1] esperon, *esparron*, beams. Godefroy's *Dict.*

[2] See Wright-Wülcker, where it is rendered vertinellus. For vertinellus, hinge, see 1. p. 246.

[3] Arden Forest.

[4] For the slate-pins.

Item paye a Saundre meysan pour cariage xiiii*d.*—Summa xii*s.* viii*d.*

Item paye a Ric. Kny3tton et a Ric. Gamston v*li.* dargent (and others). Item paye pour escryre vne lettre ii*d.* Item paye pour 1 beyste ii*d.* Item paye a 1 masoun pour 1 iour iiii*d.* Item paye a 1 carpenter ii*d.* Item paye al clerk qui escript ceste bille vi*d.*—Summa x*li.* v*s.* iiii*d.*—Summa totalis xvii*li.* vii*s.* et iiii*d.*

Memorandum quod Tho. Wakefeld et Nic. Glouer camerarii deliberaverunt Willelmo Ferour vi*li.*

Item pro meremio et nayllware xxii*s.* i*d.* Summa totalis xxiiii*li.* ix*s.* v*d.* ob.

2*s.* 6*d.* Paid for daubing[1] the walls 2*s.* 4*d.* Paid to John Smith for hinge(s)[2] 7*d.* Paid to Saunder the mason for carriage 1*s.* 2*d.*—Total 12*s.* 8*d.*

Paid to Ric. Knighton and Ric. Gamston[3] five pounds of silver. Paid for the writing of a letter 2*d.* Paid for a beast 2*d.* Paid to a mason for one day 4*d.* Paid to a carpenter 2*d.* Paid to the clerk who wrote this bill 6*d.*—Total £10. 5*s.* 4*d.*—Sum total £17. 7*s.* 4*d.*

Note that Tho. Wakefield and Nic. Glover chamberlains delivered to Will. Ferour £6.

For timber and nail-ware £1. 2*s.* 1*d.*—Sum total £24. 9*s.* 5½*d.*

CXXXI. *Chamberlains' Account.*

No. 264 (3). [1378–9.] Leicester. The account of Roger Spurrier and John Spurrier chamberlains of this town, 29 Sep. 2 Ric. II. to 29 Sep. 3 Ric. II.

Arrears. First they answer for £8 received of the arrears of Rob. Hornynglowe and John Prentys bailiffs of this town in the year preceding. And for £6. 12*s.* of arrears of Tho. Wakefield and Nic. Glover chamberlains of this town the year preceding as appears by the accounts of the said chamberlains and bailiffs.—Total £15. 12*s.* 0½*d.*

Rents of Assize. They answer for £1. 14*s.* 3*d.* of rents of assize of tenements in Leicester. And for £4. 1*s.* of rents of assize of tenements in Whetstone as appears by the old rental made hereof.—Total £5. 15*s.* 3*d.*

Fines and pension (pens'). They answer for £1 received from Tho. Chapman in the preceding year granted to the Mayor and community. And for £9. 6*s.* 8*d.* of fines of those entering the Gild Merchant as appears by the roll of morningspeech this year.—Total £10. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Sale. They answer for 8*s.* for the old North gates sold. And for 2*s.* 6*d.* for shingles (cindulis) of timber of the new gates made there. And for 2*s.* of the fine of Henry of Foston for the entry of a tenement in Whetstone late of the vicar of the town. And for 1*d.* for the iron of an old key sold.—Total 12*s.* 7*d.*

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[1] Or pargetting; daubing then meant the filling between the timbers.

[2] Perhaps here for rope.

[3] For parliament, see above, p. 158 note.

Fines for pigs. They answer for 4*s.* 2*d.* for the fines of pigs wandering in the town contrary to the prohibition of the Mayor and community made this year.—Total 4*s.* 2*d.*

Gifts. And for 13*s.* 4*d.* given to the community by Robert of Shaw parson of the church of Shangton of his good will, this in the common hall of the town.—Total 13*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of receipts £33. 4*s.* 0½*d.*

Rents repaid (resolut'). First they account for 3*s.* 10*d.* paid to the lord of Beaumont. And for 1*s.* paid for suit of the Court of Winchester. And for 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to John of Sleaford for part payment of his pension. They claim allowance for †6*s.* 8*d.*† of the fine of John of Northampton because it is pardoned to the said John in the hall, because it was allowed to the chamberlains next preceding.—Total 18*s.* 2*d.*

Expenses on the North Gate. They account for £2. 10*s.* for timber bought for constructing the North Gates. And for 10*s.* 1*d.* for floor-boards (estrichebord) bought for the same. And for 15*s.* for 200 pounds of iron for the same. And for 13*s.* 1½*d.* for working (fabricacione) the said iron. And for 2*s.* 8*d.* for sawing of timber and boards (maeremii et tabularum). And for £2. 0*s.* 8*d.* paid to the carpenter making the said gates. And for 9*d.* for spars (sparris) bought for the same. And for 4*d.* for loading of timber. And for 8*d.* for lime. And for 2*s.* for chalk. And for 10*d.* for nails and shingles round the steps of the same (clauis et cindulis circa gradus earundem). And for 1*s.* for spikenails (spikyng). And for 2*s.* for chalk another time. And for 8*s.* 10*d.* paid to the masons (lapicid') on their labour. And for 2*d.* for beer. And for 3*s.* 4*d.* paid to the workmen at the same for eight days. And for 1*s.* 4*d.* for two labourers there for three days for the daubing (circa torching[1]). And for 2*s.* for carrying of lime and sand for the same. And for 6*d.* for carriage of sand and stones for the same another time. And for 5*d.* for critch-lime[2] (crichelym). And for 4*d.* for chalk. And for 4*d.* for chalk another time. And for 1*s.* for carpenters labouring there. And for 1*s.* 4*d.* for spars bought. And for 4*d.* for carrying a cartload of stone to the same.—Total £7. 18*s.* 0½*d.*

Expenses on the South Gate. (Similar items to the above.) And 4*s.* 3*d.* for lead-work....And 6*d.* for hinges[3] (hengles) and nails for the windows there. And 4*d.* for spike-nails (spiking), shingles and brads (broddis[4]). And 6½*d.* for solder (soudur')....And 7*d.* to a certain lead-beater....And 2*s.* 6*d.* for boards and ledges[5] (leggis) bought for the same.—Total £2. 16*s.* 7*d.*

Expenses on the West Gate and the bridge there. (Similar items.) And 8*d.* for making of iron chains....And 2*s.* paid to John Whiter for all his labour on the three gates of the town.—Total 13*s.* 7½*d.*

Small expenses. They account for 1*s.* 6*d.* for the making of three charters, whereof one concerned the tenement in Stretton, another the tenement in Billesdon, and the third a tenement in Great Glen. And 7*d.* for a potell of wine. And 4*d.* for mending of walls at Stretton. And 4*d.* to a man going to the rector of the said town. And 8*d.* for spars (sparris) bought for mending of stools (scabellorum) in

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[1] Cf. Stevenson's *Nottingham* II., Glossary s.v. dawb. The *Century Dict.* has under torching, "in plastering to point with lime and hair; said of the inside joints of slating laid on lathing."

[2] Lime in its stony state. *Dialect Dict.*

[3] See N. E. D. s.v. *hingle.*

[4] Round-headed nails, N. E. D. Short nails, *Finchale Accounts.*

[5] See I. p. 297.

the common hall. And 5½*d.* for the making of the same. And 1½*d.* for paper bought. And 4*d.* for parchment (membrana) bought for accounts.—Total 4*s.* 4*d.*

Further concerning expenses. They account for 13*s.* 6*d.* paid on account of the making of the new mace (noue claue[1]) in all. And 3*s.* 4*d.* given to a certain clerk called Ketring. And 3*s.* 4*d.* to another clerk named Burgoigne for writing of letters. And 4*d.* for carrying a letter to Barrow. And 10*d.* for business done as far as Ginwell (?) (Chynwell). And 10*s.* paid to Will. Loughborough for having his counsel.—Total £1. 11*s.* 4*d.*

Further concerning expenses. They account for salmon and turbot (turbutt) bought from John Houby for the dinner on the day of the Annunciation of the blessed Mary. And 2*s.* for salt fish (pisse sals'). (Wine.) And 9*s.* for pikes. And 1*s.* 8*d.* for hard fish bought for that feast. And 6*d.* for the labour of a cook on that day. And 1*s.* 8*d.* for red and white herring (allec' rubio et albo) (eels, mussels (muscles) and oysters (oistres)). And 9*s.* 10*d.* paid to Will. Ferour on that day for divers necessaries for the said dinner.—Total £1. 13*s.* 0½*d.*

Further concerning expenses. They claim allowance for 8*s.* for the expenses of John Spurrier and Ric. Threngeston for two days carrying a letter of the Duke of Lancaster to Nottingham. And 8*s.* for the expenses of the two chamberlains working for two days for the men of Leicester... (torn) 8*s.* for their expenses for two days carrying a letter of the said Duke to Haywood. And 4*s.* for their expenses praying the great men (proceres) of the county (patrie) for a love-day (diem amoris). And for their expenses ten times going to Stretton (and Billesdon and Great Glen)....And they claim allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* for remuneration of divers clerks writing divers matters of the said chamberlains at divers times in the year and for making their account. For expenses of firing, bread, beer, meat, on the day of account 1*s.* 6*d.* which is allowed them.—£2. 1*s.* 6*d.*

Payment of money. They account for £6. 8*s.* paid to Will. Ferour for the fee of the time of his mayoralty in that year.—£6. 8*s.*

Sum of all expense and charges. £24. 4*s.* 7½*d.* And so they owe £8. 19*s.* 5*d.* Further they owe 3*d.* which they received on this account...and allowed to the said chamberlains for labour 19*s.* 8*d.*...

CXXXII. *Mayor's Accounts.*

Box 5, No. 132. [1377–1379] *Leicester.* Account of Will. Ferour, Mayor, 29 Sep. 1 Ric. II. to 29 Sep. 2 Ric. II.

Receipt. First he answers for £6 received from Tho. Wakefield and Nic. Glover chamberlains of the said town in the aforesaid year. And for £4 received from the said chamberlains as appears in the account of these chamberlains. And for 13*s.* 4*d.* by John Turner given (exibit') for the work of the wall of the town. And for 2*s.* 2*d.* for stone sold, found in the garden of John Braybroke.—£10. 15*s.* 6*d.*

Receipt. He answers for 20*s.* received from Thomas Chapman of yearly rent granted by him to the community in return for exempting him from offices, and for £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* received from T. of Beeby and his fellows, late collectors of a tax levied by them for the King's tenth in the preceding year.—Total £2. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of all the receipt £13. 2*s.* 2*d.*

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[1] See Wright-Wülcker.

Allowance. He claims allowance of £2 for his dinner fee. And 13*s.* 4*d.* for salmon fee. And 6*s.* 8*d.* for parchment. And £2 for the fee of his clerk. And £1 for the common serjeant's fee. And 8*s.* of the rent of John Smith at the West Gates allowed to the Mayor of the town by custom.—Total £6. 8*s.*

Expenses. He accounts for 4*d.* given to a certain runner of the lord King on arrival. And †4*s.*† for the reward of the King's messengers bringing the King's commission for a balinger. And for 2*s.* 8*d.* for expenses of a supper of some messengers and chamberlains of the town. And 6*s.* 8*d.* the reward of minstrels of the lord Duke of Lancaster for the honour of the town. And for the reward of the minstrels of the Earl of Warwick. And †6*s.* 8*d.*† given to the minstrels of the lord Duke of Lancaster when Sir Thomas of Hungerford was feasted with the said Mayor. And †1*s.* 6*d.*† reward to a certain jester (bourdour) of the lady Duchess by name Yevan[1]. And 8*s.* for the expenses of the said Mayor and Richard of Thringstone for two days at Nottingham according to common assent in the common hall.—Total 17*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. He accounts for 30*s.* for a dinner to Thomas of Hungerford (&c.). And 1*s.* 8*d.* reward of the chamberlain Tho. Hungerford at the time left ill with the said Mayor.—Total £1. 11*s.* 8*d.*

Expenses. He accounts concerning the expenses of the wall of the town. First for 10*s.* paid for the carriage and collection of lime and soil at the said wall and for cleansing this market (et hoc mercat' purificand'). And for 5*s.* for straw bought to be mixed with soil (cum terra comissend') on the said wall. And for 4*s.* for carriage of water to the same. And for 40*s.* for the salary of six labourers and makers of the said wall besides the coping (?) (copacionem) of the same. And for £1. 5*s.* for straw bought and for coping of the said wall. And for 4*s.* for carts carrying soil to the said wall for two days at the said coping. For 6*s.* 8*d.* paid to the man coping (copanti) the said wall and for finding him the cost (custus) of the said coping for half the time. And for 3*s.* paid to two women serving the said coper (copatorem) for three weeks, each taking by day 2*d.* For 2*s.* for a cartload of wood for the stakes (palos) for the said coping, these payments being made beside all kinds of donations to the said wall.—Total £4. 19*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of the whole allowance and of expenses £13. 17*s.* And so there is owing from the said William of surplus 14*s.* 10*d.*

[1378–9.] Account of the said Mayor 29 Sep. 2 Ric. II. to 29 Sep. 3 Ric. II.

Receipt. He answers for £36. 13*s.* 4*d.* received from Andrew Glasier and fellows, collectors of a tax the same year for arrears of the first term of the farm of the bailiwick of the town owed to the Duke of Lancaster. (And other arrears.) Sum total £43. 11*s.* 4*d.*

Allowance. Whereof he claims allowance of £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to W. of Chisledon, Receiver of the Duke of Lancaster, for arrears of the return of the first term of the farm of the bailiwick of the town i.e. at Michaelmas, as appears by receipt. (And usual fees.) And 8*s.* of the rent of John Smith of the West Gate usually allowed to the Mayor.—£33. 1*s.* 4*d.*

Allowance. He claims £1. 2*s.* 4*d.* for the confirmation and renovation of a certain charter concerning the raising of fines from lands and tenements of Leicester. And 1*s.* 8*d.* for a cord (laqueo[2]) of silk (cerici) bought for the said charter. And...(illegible) for the writing and translation of the said charter (the rest much defaced)....For a hamper bought for the purpose of preserving (causa salvacionis) a charter touching the advantage of the town.—£8. 9*s.* 2*d.*

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[1] Evan, Welsh form of John.

[2] Cf. Wright-Wülcker, p. 649, l. 31.

[v°.] Further of the allowances and expenses of the Mayor aforesaid.

Allowances. He claims allowance for a horse, †price £3. 6*s.* 8*d.*† given to the lady Katherine of Swinford. And for a pan of iron †price £2. 0*s.* 6*d.*† given to the said Katherine for expediting the business touching the tenement in Stretton, and for other business for which a certain lord besought the aforesaid Katherine with good effect for the said business and besought so successfully that the aforesaid town was pardoned the lending of silver to the King in that year (quidam dominus predictam Katherinam locis valentibus supplicauit quod villa predicta exonerabatur de argento hoc anno regi mutuando). And of 8*s.* for the expenses of the said Mayor and of Richard of Thringstone at Nottingham for two days and being there presented to the lord Duke of Lancaster. And for 6*s.* 8*d.* given to the minstrels of the said lord Duke, this on the day of the Circumcision. And †2*s.*† for the reward of John Gibson and John Wait and other minstrels. And †3*s.* 4*d.*† to a certain minstrel surnamed Mountford. And †3*s.* 4*d.*† to the minstrel of the lord Duke on Sunday next before Palm Sunday. And for the reward of Henry Piper and others at the meeting of the said lord Duke at Oadby and coming to the town of Leicester.—Total 14*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of all the allowance and expenses £42. 5*s.* 2*d.* And so he owes clear £1. 6*s.* 2*d.* of which there is allowed to him for the surplus of the preceding year 14*s.* 10*d.* as appears in the said account. And so there remains in the hands of the said William 11*s.* 4*d.* which he paid to Ric. of Braunston and Robert of Anstey, chamberlains of the town, on their account. And so the said William, for the last account rendered, withdrew quit.

CXXXIII. *Portmanmoot Rolls.*

Box 8, No. 187. [1378–9.] Gameston[1]. Rot. 1.

Leycestria. ¶ Curia de Portmoot ibidem tenta die lune proxima post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a.r.r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum secundo.

[E. Lex. Misericordia ii*d.*[2]] Pr*eceptum est* dis*tringere* Philippum Darcy ad *respondendum* Thome Criour in p*lacito* deb*iti* †att*achiatum*

Gamston. Roll 1.

Leicester. ¶ Court of Portmoot held there on Monday next after Michaelmas in the second year of the reign of King Richard the second after the Conquest.

[E.[3] Law[4]. Mercy 2*d.*] It is ordered to distrain Philip Darcy to answer Thomas Crier in a plea of debt (attached by a sword) 4*d.* by reason of a

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[1] Ric. of Gamston, then bailiff.

[2] In the margin.

[3] The initials E. and C. which continually recur are those of Evington and Canterbury named at the end of the whole bundle of rolls, officers responsible for the Portmoot fines.

[4] That is, the accused person was to come to take his oath that he was innocent.

per gladium ⸸ iiii*d.* causa mutui vnde cognovit deb*itu*m ii*d.* & ad ii*d.* e*st* ad legem. Plegius C.

[C. Misericordia ii*d.*] Preceptum est distringere Johannem Berege (po*nit* se[1]) ad respondendum Willelmo Ferour in placito t*ran*s-*gressionis.*

[E.] Preceptum est al*ias* distringere Willelmum Brailesford ad respondendum Thome Brokesby in placito debiti.

[C. Misericordia ii*d.*] Preceptum est al*ias* distringere Agnetem Skynner (po' se. Plegius C.) ad respondendum Thome *servo* Walteri Halogh in placito detenc*ionis* cat*all*i: q*u*e dis*tringitur* per ii flameola[2] cerici.

Preceptum est p*luries* dis*tringere* Thomam Trumpour ad respondendum Rogero Rider in placito debiti.

Preceptum est pluries distringere Johannem Pounfret ad respondendum eidem Rogero in placito debiti.

[Lex. Misericordia ii*d.*] Ad huc dies legis continuatur Henrico Comyn (po' se) versus Aliciam Petlyng in placito debiti.

[E.] Item dampna pendent tax*ari* per Cur*iam* inter Margeriam Grenhill q*uerentem* & Rogerum Rider def*endentem* in placito transgressionis.

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loan whereof he acknowledged debt 2*d.* and for the other 2*d.* he is to take oath. Pledge C[anterbury].

[C. Mercy 2*d.*] It is ordered to distrain John Berege (he puts himself[3]) to answer Will. Ferour in a plea of trespass.

[E.] It is ordered to distrain again Will. Brailesford to answer Tho. Brokesby in a plea of debt.

[C. Mercy 2*d.*] It is ordered to distrain again Agnes Skinner (she puts herself. Pledge C.) to answer Thomas servant of Walter Halogh in a plea of the detinue of a chattel: who is distrained by 2 silk kerchiefs.

It is ordered to distrain further Tho. Trumpeter to answer Roger Rider in a plea of debt.

It is ordered to distrain further John Pounfret to answer the said Roger in a plea of debt.

[Law. Mercy 2*d.*] The law day is still adjourned to Henry Comyn (he puts himself[3]) against Alice Peatling in a plea of debt.

[E.] The damages wait to be assessed by the court between Margery Greenhill complainant and Roger Rider defendant in a plea of trespass.

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[1] Written over the name. [2] Wright-Wülcker, p. 792.

[3] This means he puts himself on the country (patria = jury).

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Amiciam Rotheley ad respondendum Henrico Knaptoft in placito debiti: que dis*tringitur* per xx*s*.

(The same against the same repeated 6 times in plea of debt, 3 times in plea of detinue, and once in plea of trespass.)

[E.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Willelmum Wodecote ad respondendum Roberto Frisby in placito transgressionis.

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Thomam Blanchard ad respondendum Johanni Burre in placito transgressionis: qui distringitur per ii ollas, patellam, peluim, lauatorium.

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Robertum Rogh ad respondendum Willelmo Glide in placito detencionis.

[E.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Radulfum Paule ad [respondendum] Johanni Pulter del Abbey in placito debiti: qui distringitur per ii cistas.

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Johannem Bray ad respondendum Willelmo Siston in placito debiti & distringitur per colobium & linthiamen.

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Edmundum Lilburn ad respondendum Ricardo filio Rogeri Beby in placito debiti et distringitur per arcum, citharam & capicium.

[C.] Preceptum est pluries distringere Robertum Dodley ad

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further Amicia Rothley to answer Henry Knaptoft in a plea of debt: who is distrained by 20*s*.

[E.] It is ordered to distrain further Will. Wodecote to answer Robert Frisby in a plea of trespass.

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further Tho. Blanchard to answer John Burre in a plea of trespass, who is distrained by 2 pots, a pan, a basin, a laver.

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further Rob. Rough to answer Will. Glide in a plea of detinue.

[E.] It is ordered to distrain further Ralph Paule to answer John Poulterer of the Abbey in a plea of debt: who is distrained by 2 chests.

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further John Bray to answer Will. Siston in a plea of debt, and he is distrained by a sleeveless coat[1] and a sheet.

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further Edmund Lilburn to answer Richard son of Roger Beby in a plea of debt, and he is distrained by a bow, a harp and a hood.

[C.] It is ordered to distrain further Robert Dodley to answer Roger

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[1] Tabbard, collobium, *Prompt. Parv.*

respondendum Rogero Belgraue in placito debiti: distringitur per iii patellas, ollam, peluim & patellulam.

[E. att*achiatus*.] Joh. Thressher de Rowell queritur de Johanne Rowell sum*monito* in placito debiti. Plegius p*rosequendi* E. att*ach'* per exac'[1].

[E. dis'.] Rob. Gower queritur de Johanne Colyer in placito transgressionis.

Affuratores. Will. Humburston, And. Glasyer } Summa viii*d*. vnde super C. vi*d*. Et super E. ii*d*.

[Dies.] Michael de Benge captus cum iumento: habet diem reueniendi h*ac* die xv sequente cum probo et littera sigillata per maiorem de Merlebergh testificante ipsum fore fidelem.

[v°.] Portmoot vt infra die lune (Oct. 12) proxima post festum S. Dionisii anno vt infra. [7 pleas of debt.]

[C. Att'.] Rog. de Belgraue queritur de Johanne Harteshill (sum') in placito debiti: attachiatus per ollam, patellam, peluim et lauatorium.

[C. Att'.] Joh. servus Ricardi Broghton queritur de Nicholao de Isle (sum') in placito debiti: attachiatus per peluim.

[C. Fines viii*d*.] Joh. Carter venit in curia & fecit finem cum

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Belgrave in a plea of debt: he is distrained by 3 pans, a pot, a basin and a little pan.

[E. attached.] John Thressher of Rowell complains against John Rowell summoned in a plea of debt. Pledge of the prosecution E. attached by a hatchet (?).

[E. distrained.] Rob. Gower complains against John Colyer in a plea of trespass.

Affeerors[1]. Will. Humberston, And. Glasier } Total 8*d*. whereof on Canterbury 6*d*. and on Evington 2*d*.

[Law-day.] Michael de Benge taken with a plough-horse (or mare): has day to return this day fortnight following, with proof and a letter sealed by the Mayor of Marlborough testifying that he will be faithful[2].

Portmoot as below on Monday next after the feast of St Denys in the year as below[3].

[C. attached.] Roger of Belgrave complains of John Harteshill (summoned) in a plea of debt: attached by a pot, a pan, a basin and a laver.

[C. attached.] John servant of Ric. Broughton complains of Nic. of Isley (summoned) in a plea of debt: attached by a basin.

[C. Fine 8*d*.] John Carter comes into court and made fine with the

[1] See p. 165, note [3].

[2] Each roll concludes with the names of 2 affeerors, and a distribution of the total fines between Canterbury and Evington.

[3] I.e. above.

balliuis pro transgressione facta domino, videlicet rescussum tempore nundinarum &c. vt patet in capitis.

[E. lex.] Tho. Criour queritur de Philippo Darcy in placito debiti ii*d.* causa mutui & iniuste detinet ad dampnum ii*d.* Et dictus Philippus dicit quod nullum denarium ei debet, vnde habet hec verificare vi man*u*. Plegius C. ad portmoot proxime futurum.

[All the pleas on the recto which have not got their "mercy" in the margin are then repeated with the order for further distraint.]

[Dies.] Michael de Benge modo habet diem reuencionis vt patet infra: & non venit: ideo iumentum vt vagum & appreciatum in rotulo profectuum & balliui inde onerati.

(There are 16 more long rolls drawn up after this pattern. The same pleas are entered over and over again with the order for further distraint.

The rolls are complete for a single year, Michaelmas 2 Ric. II. to Michaelmas 3 Ric. II. The Court sat always on Monday, and there were 34 sittings in this year. Further extracts are the following):—

Skin 2. (A plea of debt for the rent of a messuage. Attachments by two saddles (cellas), a spinning wheel (rotam filatoriam).)

Skin 2. [C.] Franciplegii quor*um* no*min*a sunt appensa[1] p*re*-*sentant* super sac*ramentum* suum quod Emma seruiens Ricardi Wardrobe ius*te* le*uauit* hu*tesium* de Rogero Botoner (ii*d.*[2]) Plegius J. B.[3] Item quod Emma Reute ius*te* le*uauit* hu*tesium* de Roberto

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bailiffs for trespass done to the lord, viz. rescue[4] in fair-time etc. as appears by headings.

[E. Law.] Tho. Crier complains of Phil. Darcy in a plea of debt 2*d.* by reason of loan, and that he unjustly detains to the damage of 2*d.* And the said Philip says that he does not owe him a penny, wherefore he has to verify these things by the sixth hand[5]. Pledge C(anterbury) at the portmoot next ensuing.

[Day.] Michael of Benge now has day for reappearance as appears below[6] and does not come: therefore the plough-horse (or mare) is treated as a waif[7] and appraised in the roll of profits, and the bailiffs are charged therewith.

[C.] The frankpledges whose names are appended present on their oath that Emma servant of Ric. Wardrobe justly raised the hue against Roger Botoner (2*d.*). Pledge J. B. Item that Emma Reute justly raised the hue against Robert Somerby (2*d.*). Item that John Redser (4*d.*) unjustly drew

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[1] A slip with 6 names is stitched on. [2] Written above his name.

[3] To save space the names of pledges are omitted here.

[4] Rescuing distraint.

[5] By the six-handed oath; probably with 5 compurgators, his own hand being the sixth.

[6] Above. [7] Stolen property abandoned by the thief.

Somerby (ii*d.*). Item quod Joh. Redser (iiii*d.*) iius*te* trax*it* sang*uinem* cum baculo de predicta Emma. Plegius T. A. Et eadem Emma iuste leuauit hutesium de predicto Johanne (ii*d.*). Plegius ut prius. Item quod predicta Emma iuste traxit sanguinem de Emma Reute (ii*d.*). (Pledge.)

Ad hanc curiam per Willelmum Ferour Maiorem et totam curiam p*receptum* e*st* ex p*ar*te d*om*ini Ricardo Gamston et Radulfo Fissher balliuis quod imponant et stallant in shoppis d*om*ini in loco m*er*cat*i* tenent*es* modo quo melius pot*er*unt.

[Memorandum.] Joh. Hyncle et Tho. Frances m*anuceperunt* Johannem de Okham tailour de bona gestura erga Regem (etc.).

Sheet 3. [Mis' iiii*d.*] Joh. Turnour queritur de Thoma nuper capellano ecclesie S. Michaelis Leycestrie in placito transgressionis: qui quidem Tho. distringitur per colobium et sloppum et vnum lectum precio xx*s.*, sic appreciantur per sacramentum Nicholai Couper, Ricardi Chaloner et Thome Chaloner: liberatum Willelmo Humburston per plegium eiusdem Willelmi ad retornandum eadem catalla si dictus Thomas venerit ad respondendum predicto Johanni et dictus Willelmus ponit se in misericordia; plegius E.

[v°.] Rob. de Stillyngton queritur de fratre Henrico Tykesore custode fratrum minorum (summonito) et Willelmo Tokby confratre suo in placito debiti.

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blood with a stick from the aforesaid Emma. Pledge T. A. And the said Emma justly raised the hue against the aforesaid John (2*d.*). Pledge as before. Item that the aforesaid Emma justly drew blood from Emma Reute (2*d.*).

At this court it is ordered by Will. Ferour, Mayor, and the whole court on behalf of the lord to Ric. Gamston and Ralph Fisher bailiffs that they put in and install the tenants in the shops of the lord in the market-place in the best way they shall be able.

[Note.] John Hinckley and Tho. Frances mainperned[2] John of Oakham tailor for his good behaviour towards the King.

[Mercy 4*d.*] John Turner complains of Thomas late chaplain of the church of St Michael, Leicester, in a plea of trespass: which said Thomas is distrained by a tabard and slop[1] and a bed, price 20*s.*, so they are appraised by oath (of 3 named): delivered to Will. Humberston by pledge of the said Will. to return these chattels if the said Thomas should come to answer the foresaid John, and the said William puts himself in mercy; pledge E(vington).

Rob. of Stillington complains of Friar Henry Tykesor, warden of the Friars Minors (summoned), and of Will. Tugby his confrere in a plea of debt.

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[1] A loose gown, or loose trousers.

[2] Stood pledge for.

Frater Tho. Stafford queritur de Ricardo Loksmyth (sum') in placito detencionis catallorum.

[Curia.] Rog. de Belgrave queritur de Magistro Johanne Wright (sum' Curie) in placito debiti.

[Curia.] Will. de Gaddesby magister domus S. Johannis Leicestrie queritur de Johanne Turnour (Curia) in placito debiti.

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[E. Att'. Mis. ii*d.*] Johanna Vincent queritur de Willelmo Barwe (sum') in placito detencionis i ciste precii ii*s.* et cradell' precii iii*s.* cratile precii vi*d.* cathedre precii xiiii*d.* olleole precii ii*s.* que detinet (rest defaced).

[Attachments by bedclothes (lectisternium), 2 axes (aszes).]

Skin 4. Joh. Parker persona ecclesie de Aileston queritur de Willelmo Wynger (sum') in placito debiti; attachiatur per ollam.

[Att'. Lex. Mis. ii*d.*] Joh. Turnour queritur de Ricardo Trenley webster (sum') in placito conuencionis videlicet dorsorium sibi non fecit idoneum ad dampnum x*s.* legem fecit (etc.).

(Plea of debt for rent of a croft.)

[v°.] [C. Lex. Mis'. vii*d.*] Joh. Knaptoft queritur per suum attornatum versus Galfridum Meisham et dicit quod ei non tenet conuencionem inter eos factam eo quod viii annis elapsis concessit ei cariare iiii onera equorum de carbonibus et nondum cariauit sibi

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Friar Tho. Stafford complains of Ric. Locksmith (summoned) in a plea of detinue of chattels.

[Court.] Roger of Belgrave complains of Master John Wright (summoned to court) in a plea of debt.

[Court.] Will. of Gaddesby Master of the House of St John of Leicester complains of John Turner (court) in a plea of debt.

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[E. attached. Mercy 2*d.*] Joanna Vincent complains of Will. Barwe (summoned) in a plea of the detinue of a chest, price 2*s.*, and a cradle, price 3*s.*, a gridiron, price 6*d.*, a chair, price 1*s.* 2*d.*, a small pot, price 2*s.*, which he detains.

John Parker parson of the church of Aylestone complains of Will. Winger (summoned) in a plea of debt: he is attached by a pot.

[Attached. Law. Mercy 2*d.*] John Turner complains of Ric. Trenley weaver (summoned) in a plea of covenant, viz. that he did not make him a suitable dosser[1] to his damage of 10*s.*; he made law.

[C. Law. Mercy 7*d.*] John Knaptoft complains by his attorney against Geoff. Measham and says that he does not keep with him the covenant which was made between them, inasmuch as 8 years ago he agreed to carry for

[1] A cover for a chair-back.

etc. et sic non tenet ei conuencionem sed fregit ad dampnum xii*d.* vnde producit sectam, et dictus Galf. dicit nullam fregit conuencionem et hoc paratus est per legem suam verificare vnde habet diem xv, vi manu.

Skin 6. [C. quietus.] Tho. Glouer de Belgrauegate queritur de Waltero Skynner in placito detencionis vnius quadrantis auri quem ei liberauit ad permutandum.

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Item presentant quod Margeria Skynner est communis conuiciatrix ad graue nocumentum omnium vicinorum ideo etc. fecit finem in rotulo †profectuum†.

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Item presentant super sacramentum quod dictus Joh. Tanner est communis perturbator pacis eiusdem domini Regis; ideo attachiatur per corpus.

[v°.] Memorandum de mensuris et ponderibus minus ponderantibus amerciatis[1].

Memorandum quod ad hanc curiam Ric. de Knyghton, Will. Thornton attulerunt districta Roberti Dodley capta ad sectam Rogeri Belgraue videlicet i patellam precii iii*s.* alias duas patellas precii xviii*d.* peluim precii xx*d.* i ollam precii xv*d.* patellulam precii ii*d.*

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him 4 horse-loads of charcoal and has not yet carried for him etc. and so does not keep covenant with him, but has broken it to the damage of 1*s.* whereof he produces suit[2], and the said Geoff. says that he has broken no covenant and is ready to verify this by his law[3], wherefor he has this day fortnight, with the sixth hand.

[C. quit.] Tho. Glover of Belgravegate complains of Walter Skinner in a plea of the detinue of a farthing of gold[4] which he delivered to him to change.

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They (the twelve frankpledges) present that Margery Skinner is a common scold to the grave damage of all the neighbours, therefore etc. she made fine in the roll of profits.

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They present on oath that the said John Tanner is a common disturber of the peace of the said lord King: therefore he is attached by his body.

Note of measures and weights weighing too little amerced.

Note that at this court Ric. of Knighton and Will. Thornton brought the distraints of Robert Dudley taken at the suit of Roger Belgrave, viz. a pan, price 3*s.*, two other pans, price 1*s.* 6*d.*, a basin, price 1*s.* 8*d.*, a pot, price 1*s.* 3*d.*,

[1] No list follows.

[2] See the note in Stevenson's *Nottingham* II. 469.

[3] Oath.

[4] A quarter noble. N.E.D.

Et dicta districta liberantur Ricardo Gamston, Radulfo Fissher modo balliuis ville.

Skin 7. [Lex. Mis. iiii*d.*] Joh. Tynley queritur de Johanne Jelous (ponit se) in placito conuencionis eo quod [vendidit] sibi quendam equum sub warrantia quod idem equus indefectiuus fuit preter in oculis qui quidem equus defectiuus fuit ad dampnum ipsius Johannis x*s.* vnde producit sectam etc. Et dictus Joh. Jelous dicit quod nullam sibi fregit conuencionem vnde modo habet diem legis per plegium J. S.

[Deliberacio.] Ad hanc curiam Margareta de Sudbury capta per suspicionem, et quia nullus venit prosequendo versus eandem Margaretam ideo consideratur quod dicta Margareta eat quieta.

Skin 9. [Lex. Mis. vi*d.*] Rob. de Friseby querens optulit se per suum attornatum versus Willelmum Andreu in placito conuencionis. Et dicit quod non tenet ei conuencionem eo quod conuenerunt inter eos quod dictus Will. sibi seruiret more apprenticii per duos annos integros secum commoraturus et dicit quod recessit ab eodem Roberto ante finem termini inter eos concordati et sic non tenuit ei conuencionem set fregit ad dampnum etc. x*s.* vnde producit sectam etc. Et predictus Will. venit et defendit et dicit quod nullam fregit ei conuencionem vnde habet diem hoc verificandi per legem suam vi manu per

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a little pan, price 2*d.* And the said distraints are delivered to Ric. Gamston and Ralph Fisher, now bailiffs of the town.

[Law. Mercy 4*d.*] John Tinley complains of John Jealous (he puts himself[1]) in a plea of covenant, because he sold him a certain horse under guarantee that the said horse was not defective except in the eyes, which said horse was defective, to the damage of the said John 10*s.*, whereof he produces suit etc. And the said John Jealous says that he did not break covenant with him, wherefor now he has a law-day by pledge J. S.

[Delivery[2].] At this court Margaret of Sudbury taken on suspicion, and because no one comes to prosecute against the said Margaret therefore it is considered that the said Margaret goes quit.

[Law. Mercy 6*d.*] Rob. of Frisby complainant appeared by his attorney against Will. Andrew in a plea of covenant. And he says that he does not keep covenant with him in that they agreed between them that the said Will. should serve him as an apprentice staying with him for two full years, and he says that he withdrew from the said Robert before the end of the term agreed between them and so he did not keep covenant with him, but has broken it to the damage etc. of 10*s.* whereof he produces suit etc. And the aforesaid Will. comes and defends and says that he has not broken covenant with him, wherefor he has day to verify this by his oath with the sixth hand by pledge

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[1] On his country. [2] Release from prison.

plegium C. videlicet die Lune proxima post Hoggestuesday: defecit de lege ideo etc.

[Inquisicio.] Joh. de Evynton et Joh. Stringer franci plegii (and 16 named) ad hoc iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod die Mercurii proxime ante festum Annunciacionis beate Marie anno vt supra apud Leycestriam contra pacem domini Regis, Will. Draycote (vi*d.*) cultello suo extracto insultum fecit in Rogerum Veizy; et quod dictus Will. stans in ostio suo, dixit cuidam Thome seruo Ricardi Gamston "Careawey de hoc Thoma quod dixisti?" qui respondens ait "iam instat tempus nunquam melius."

[Pledges for William's good conduct named.]

[v°.] Inquisicio capta per (15 named) iuratores qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Tho. de Forest die Martis in septimana pasche anno ut infra noctanter clausum Johannis Alche apud Leycestriam felonice fregit et Aliciam seruientem predicti Johannis Alche rapuit et sic in eandem domum intrauit ad graue dampnum ipsius Johannis et Alicie et contra pacem domini Regis.

Will. abbas Leycestrie et Will. Colyngham concanonicus eiusdem abbatis queruntur de Johanne Braybroc (sum') in placito debiti.

Skin 10. [v°.] [E. Mis'. ii*d.*] Nic. atte Pertre queritur de Johanne Pulter (sum') del abbey in placito debiti iii*s.* pro stramine

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C(anterbury)[1], viz. on Monday next after Hogs' Tuesday[2]: he failed of law therefore etc.

[Inquest.] John of Evington and John Stringer frankpledges...sworn for this purpose say on their oath that on Wednesday next before the feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Mary in the year as above at Leicester against the peace of the lord King, Will. Draycote (6*d.*) with his knife drawn assaulted Roger Veizy, and that the said Will. standing in his door said to a certain Thomas servant of Ric. Gamston, "Careaway, what did you say of this Thomas?" who answering says, "We shall never have a better time than this."

Inquest taken by...jurors who say on their oath that Thomas of Forest on Tuesday in Easter week in the year as below at night broke into the close of John Alche at Leicester feloniously, and ravished Alice the servant of the aforesaid John Alche and so entered the said house to the grave damage of the said John and Alice and against the peace of the lord King.

William Abbot of Leicester and Will. Collingham co-canon of the said abbot complain of John Braybrook (summoned) in a plea of debt.

[E. Mercy 2*d.*] Nic. at the Pear-tree complains of John Poulterer (summoned) of the Abbey in a plea of debt of 3*s.* for straw bought 5 years

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[1] See p. 171 above.

[2] Can it be Hokeday, the second Tuesday after Easter? The form Hogges is not given in N.E.D.

v annis elapsis ab eo empto: cognouit debitum: ideo in misericordia etc. cum dampno iii*d.*

[C. Lex.] Hen. de Mor queritur de Gregorio Piper in placito debiti ii*s.* vi*d.* pro seruicio Juliane filie eius ad dampnum vi*d.* unde lex, vi manu.

(16 named) presentant super sacramentum suum quod Tho. seruiens Nicholai Bower iniuste traxit sanguinem cum vngulis de Margerita Somerby *seruant.*

Skin 11. [E. Lex.] Iuo Knyghton querens optulit se per E. attornatum versus Willelmum Gerneham in placito transgressionis eo quod idem Iuo eidem Willelmo seruo suo precepit quod quodlibet bussellum sinapi quod emeret non excederet v*d.* et dicit quod vbi emit pro iii*d.* bussellum computauit se emisse pro v*d.* eundem bussellum: sic ipsum multociens decepit ad dampnum etc. x*s.* Et dictus Will. dicit quod non excessit v*d.* in emendo et dicit emit bussellum sic versus eum computatum & habet inde diem verificandi ad proximum portmot vi manu.

Skin 12. (Debt of 51*s.* for "wodeashes.")

Skin 13. [E. quietus.] Rob. Toucestre queritur de Willelmo Obley-maker in placito conuencionis videlicet [quod] ab eo emit per Agnetem uxorem eius intralia omnium animalium suorum mortificatorum

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ago from him: he confessed the debt: therefore in mercy etc., with the damage 3*d.*

[C. Law.] Hen. of the Moor complains of Gregory Piper in a plea of debt of 2*s.* 6*d.* for the service of Juliana his daughter to his damage 6*d.*, wherefor law, with the sixth hand.

...present on their oath that Thomas servant of Nic. Bower unjustly drew blood with his nails from Margaret Somerby, servant.

[E. Law.] Ivo Knighton complainant appeared by E(vington) attorney against Will. Gerneham in a plea of trespass because the said Ivo ordered the said Will. his servant that every bushel of mustard that he bought should not cost more than 5*d.* and he says that whereas he bought the bushel for 3*d.* he accounted that he had bought that same bushel for 5*d.*, thus repeatedly he deceived him to the damage etc. of 10*s.* And the said Will. says that he did not exceed 5*d.* in buying and says that he bought the bushel so charged against him, and has day for verifying this at the next Portmoot with the sixth hand.

[E. quit.] Rob. Towcester complains of Will. Obley[1]-maker in a plea of covenant viz. that he bought from him through Agnes his wife the entrails

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[1] Wafer.

et[1] abducenda a pascha vsque carnipriuium sequentem et non abduxit ad dampnum x*s.* Et Will. dicit quod dictus Rob. protulit dedecus eidem Agneti.

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[E. Mis' iii*d.*] Idem Joh. Tailour queritur de eodem Johanne Sherman in placito transgressionis et dicit quod pannum suum cremauit et conculcauit ad dampnum etc. et dictus Joh. dicit quod non potest dedicere quin culpabilis est et petit quod dampna taxentur per curiam que postmodum taxantur ad ii*d.*

[E. Lex.] Idem Joh. Tailour queritur de eodem Johanne in placito conuencionis et dicit quod conuenierunt inter eos quod dictus Joh. Sherman cinderet sibi per annum integrum totum pannum suum cindendum vnde dicit quod non tenet conuencionem sed fregit ad dampnum x*s.* Et dictus Joh. Sherman dicit quod nullam sibi fregit conuencionem vnde habet diem legis ut supra.

Skin 14. (Distraints by pot (olla), pan (patella), moveable stove (caminus), lower oven (orsum ouen'), pairs of shoes, small pot (olle-ola); plea of detinue of doe-skins (pelles damarum).)

[v°.] [Inquisicio.] Rob. Chapman, Ric. Blodlater franciplegii (and 10 named) ✝iurati✝ dicunt super sacramentum suum quod die Veneris in vigilia translacionis S. Swythini a.r.r. Ricardi secundo contra pacem domini Regis, Bricius Cotiller [vi*d.*] et Will. [iiii*d.*]

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of all his dead animals to be carried away from Easter to Quinquagesima following, and did not take them away to his damage 10*s.* And Will. says that the said Rob. proffered dishonour to the said Agnes.

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[E. Mercy 3*d.*] The said[2] John Tailor complains of the said John Shearman in a plea of trespass and says that he burnt his cloth and abused it to his damage etc., and the said John says that he cannot deny that he is guilty and claims that the damages be assessed by the court, which afterwards are assessed at 2*d.*

[E. Law.] The said John Tailor complains of the said John in a plea of covenant and says that they agreed between them that the said John Shearman should shear[3] for him for a whole year, shearing all his cloth, wherefor he says that he does not keep covenant, but has broken it to his damage 10*s.* And the said John Shearman says that he has broken no covenant with him, wherefor he has a day of law as above.

[Inquest.] Rob. Chapman, Ric. Bloodletter, frankpledges (and 10 named), jurors, say on their oath that on Friday the Eve of the translation of St Swithin, in the second year of the reign of King Richard, against the peace of the lord King, Brice Cutler (6*d.*) and Will. (4*d.*) his servant with their

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[1] Redundant. [2] He is named in the preceding suits which are here omitted.

[3] Shear the surface of his cloth.

seruus eius gladiis suis extractis insultum fecerunt in Thoma de Houby et super eundem Thoman fecerunt homsoken iniuste. Et Isabella de Houby iuste leuauit hutesium de Bricio [ii*d.*] predicto et Willelmo [ii*d.*] seruo. Plegius misericordie Rad. Fissher. Et quod postmodum idem Tho. [iiii*d.*] fecit homsoken super eundem Bricium iniuste gladio suo extracto. Et quod Agnes filia dicti Bricii iuste leuauit hutesium super dictum Thomam [ii*d.*]: plegius ut prius. Item Joh. [iiii*d.*] Pynwell iniuste traxit sanguinem cum furca de seruo dicti Bricii. Plegius ut supra (etc.).

Skin 15. [v°.] [Inquisicio.] Franciplegii videlicet (16 named) presentant super sacramentum suum quod Magota uxor David Wright iuste traxit sanguinem cum petra de Margareta Walshwoman. Plegius misericordie W. M. Item quod Johanna Tailour [ii*d.*] iniuste fecit homsoken super uxorem Willelmi Duk. Et quod eadem uxor iuste traxit sanguinem cum baculo de eadem Johanna [ii*d.*]. Plegius T. M. Item quod uxor Walteri Irish iuste leuauit hutesium de Thoma Sawer [ii*d.*] Plegius J. A. †Item presentant quod Joh. de Langham et Rob. Porter verbis litigiosis et verbis minarum allocuti fuerunt Ricardum Gamston balliuum domini ducis Lancastrie die mercati ut perturbatores pacis domini Regis. Haec presentacio facta fuit die lūne proxima ante festum S. Bartholomei apostoli anno ut infra†. [Vacat quia condonatur.]

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swords drawn assaulted Thomas of Hoby and did hamsokn[1] on the said Thomas unjustly. And Isabella of Hoby justly raised the hue against Brice (2*d.*) aforesaid, and Will. (2*d.*) the servant. Pledge of mercy Ralph Fisher. And that afterwards the said Thomas (4*d.*) did hamsokn on the said Brice unjustly with his sword drawn. And that Agnes the daughter of the said Brice justly raised the hue on the said Thomas (2*d.*): pledge as before. Item John Pinwell (4*d.*) unjustly drew blood with a fork from the servant of the said Brice. Pledge as above.

[Inquest.] The frankpledges viz. (16 named) present on their oath that Margot wife of David Wright justly drew blood with a stone from Margaret Welshwoman. Pledge of mercy W. M. Item that Joanna Tailor (2*d.*) unjustly did hamsokn on the wife of Will. Duk. And that the said wife justly drew blood with a stick from the said Joanna (2*d.*). Pledge T. M. Item that the wife of Walter Irish justly raised the hue on Thomas Sawyer (2*d.*). Pledge J. A. Item they present that John of Langham and Rob. Porter with litigious words and threatening words spoke to Richard Gamston, bailiff of the lord Duke of Lancaster, on market-day as disturbers of the peace of the lord King. This presentment was made on Monday next before the feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle in the year as below [struck out because it is pardoned].

[1] I.e. burglary or assaulting a person in his own house.

Skin 16. [v°.] [C. Misericordia condonatur.] Preceptum est alias distringere Philippum Sclater ad respondendum Willelmo de Evynton in placito transgressionis videlicet ipsum deabilitauit in fama dicendo quod xviii*d.* de Canmoll ab ipso recepit vbi non respondet ad dampnum xx*s.*

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[Presentacio.] Will. Shyngulton, Walt. Whitside et Joh. de Burton, Galf. de Meisham et Joh. Evynton franciplegii presentant super sacramentum suum quod quedam hibernica (vi*d.*) iniuste traxit sanguinem de extranea cum cultello. Plegius: J. P. Item alia hibernica (vi*d.*) iniuste traxit sanguinem cum cultello de predicta extranea. Plegius R. K. Item Joh. Leche iuste leuauit hutesium de Johanne Taillour (ii*d.*). Plegius R. A. Joh. Tailour (viii*d.*) iniuste traxit sanguinem cum baculo de Johanne Werkman. Plegius predictus R. Idem Joh. Werkman iuste leuauit hutesium de eodem (ii*d.*). Plegius ut prius. Item presentant Johannem Makeseye (xii*d.*) rescussum fecisse et noluit stare paci: ideo attachiatur (&c. &c.).

[Distraint by 2 pipes (fistulas) of wine.]

Skin 17[1]. [C. Lex.] Tho. Wynger queritur de Rogero Rider in placito debiti xiii*s.* pro cado albi allecis quem ab eo emit et quem idem Tho. ei liberauit apud Leycestriam et †quos† iniuste detinet

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[C. Mercy is pardoned.] It is ordered to distrain again Phil. Slater to answer Will. of Evington in a plea of trespass viz. that he injured his good fame by saying that he received 1*s.* 6*d.* of Canmoll[2] from him for which he does not answer[3], to his damage 20*s.*

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[Presentment.] Will. Shingleton, Walt. Whitside and John of Burton, Geoff. of Measham and John Evington frankpledges present on their oath that a certain Irish woman (6*d.*) unjustly drew blood from a strange woman with a knife. Pledge J. P. Item another Irishwoman (6*d.*) unjustly drew blood with a knife from the said stranger. Pledge R. K. Item John Leech justly raised the hue on John Tailor (2*d.*). Pledge R. A. John Tailor (8*d.*) unjustly drew blood with a stick from John Workman. Pledge the aforesaid R. The said John Workman justly raised the hue on the same (2*d.*). Pledge as before. Item they present that John Makesey (12*d.*) made rescue and would not stand to peace: therefore he is attached.

[C. Law.] Tho. Winger complains of Roger Rider in a plea of debt of 13*s.* for a barrel[4] of white herring which he bought from him and which the said Thomas delivered to him at Leicester and which he unjustly detains to

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[1] Dated Monday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 2 Ric. II.: but as it is numbered 17 this must be a mistake for 3 Ric. II.

[2] See above p. 42 etc. and in vol. 1.

[3] In his account.

[4] The cade was a barrel of herrings holding as a rule six great hundreds of six score each. N.E.D.

ad dampnum xl*d.* Et dictus Rog. vadiauit legem quod nullum denarium ei debet et inde habet diem xv, vi manu.

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[v°.] Summa totalis omnium curiarum portmot v*li.* xiii*s.* vi*d.* vnde super Euynton lviii*s.* vi*d.* et super Caunterbury lv*s.*

CXXXIV. *Letters Patent of Richard II.*

Box 18, No. 203. [Feb. 8, 1379.] Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Johannis quondam Regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba:—Johannes dei gracia &c.

Here follows a copy of the charter of John dated in the first year of his reign Dec. 26, printed before in vol. I. p. 7, No. X. The present instrument then proceeds as follows:

Nos autem concessionem et confirmacionem predictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est burgensibus predicte ville Leycestrie heredibus & successoribus suis burgensibus ville predicte ratificamus, approbamus, concessimus & confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur & prout huiusmodi empciones & vendiciones terrarum ville predicte hactenus rationabiliter facte extiterunt. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium †octo† die Februarii anno regni nostri secundo.

SCARLE.

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his damage of 3*s.* 4*d.* And the said Roger waged law that he does not owe him a penny and therefor he has this day fortnight with the sixth hand.

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Sum total of all the courts of Portmoot £5. 13*s.* 6*d.* whereof on Evington £2. 18*s.* 6*d.* and on Canterbury £2. 15*s.*

Richard by the grace of God King of England and France, lord of Ireland, to all to whom the present letters may come greeting. We have inspected the charter of the lord John sometime King of England our ancestor, in these words:—John by the grace of God etc. (see above). Now we, ratifying and accepting the aforesaid grant and confirmation do for ourselves and our heirs, so far as in us lies, ratify, approve, grant and confirm the same to the burgesses of the aforesaid town of Leicester, their heirs and successors, burgesses of the aforesaid town, in such wise as the aforesaid charter reasonably testifies and in such wise as such purchases and sales of lands of the aforesaid town have been reasonably made hitherto. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the 8th day of February in the second year of our reign. SCARLE.

per ipsum Regem et consilium in parliamento quia fecerunt quandam balingeram cum hominibus ville Stamford.

[Fine impression of the great seal in green wax appendant.]

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by the King himself and the Council in Parliament, because they made a certain balinger with the men of the town of Stamford[1].

CXXXV. *Assize of Bread.*

Box L. No. 248 (5). [1379.] Ap. 8, price of the quarter of medium wheat 3*s*. (First entry torn.)

CXXXVI. *Commission to Assessors of the Poll Tax.*

Box 15, No. 204. [May 27, 1379.] Rex dilectis & fidelibus Thome de Erdyngton chiualer, Johanni Burdet chiualer, Jacobo Belers chiualer et Ricardo de Assheby salutem. Sciatis quod cum domini, magnates & communitates regni nostri Anglie in presenti parliamento nostro, considerantes ingentes necessitates ipsius regni ac malicia[m] inimicorum nostrorum Francie & aliunde hiis diebus multipliciter iminere, affectantesque tam saluacioni & securitati dicti regni quam distructioni inimicorum nostrorum debite subuenire, concesserint nobis in auxilium expensarum quas circa premissa necessario fieri oportebit quoddam subsidium de dominis, magnatibus & communitatibus dicti regni nostri leuandum et percipiendum et ad terminos subscriptos soluendum forma et verbis que sequuntur: viz. le duc de Lancastre &c.

For the table graduating the poll-tax from the Duke of Lancaster downwards, which follows, see the *Rolls of Parliament*, III. pp. 57-8, § 14 to § 17 inclusive. The present record then proceeds:

The King to the beloved and faithful Thomas of Erdington Knight, John Burdet Knight, James Belers Knight, and Richard of Ashby greeting. Know ye that whereas the lords, magnates and commons of our realm of England in our present parliament, considering the immense necessities of this realm and that the malice of our enemies of France and elsewhere is at this time very threatening, and being zealous duly to promote both the salvation and security of the said realm and the destruction of our enemies, have granted to us, in aid of the expenses which must necessarily be incurred concerning the said matters, a certain subsidy from the lords, magnates and commons of our said realm, to be levied and taken and paid at the terms underwritten in the form and words which follow:—namely, the Duke of Lancaster &c. (see above).

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[1] See above, p. 161 note.

Nos volentes de eodem subsidio iuxta formam concessionis predicte fideliter & integre responderi prout decet ac de fidelitate & circumspectione vestris confidentes, assignauimus vos tres vel duos vestrum ad dictum subsidium super personis predictis tam dominis & magnatibus quam communitatibus in comitatu Leycestrie iuxta formam concessionis predicte nemini in hac parte parcendo iuxta discreciones vestras fideliter assidendum et taxandum: et ad collectores eiusdem subsidii, videlicet Robertum Burgeys de Melton, Willelmum Danet, Johannem Wolf de Frollesworth, Radulfum Hurleman, Ricardum Symond de Thedyngeworth, Willelmum de Shepeye, Willelmum Baars de Bredon, et Ricardum Deken de Boudon, quos ad hoc per alias litteras nostras patentes assignauimus, per indenturas inde inter vos tres vel duos vestrum & ipsos collectores vel duos eorum faciendas, summas per vos sic assidendas et taxandas ac numerum et nomina personarum predictarum et cuius gradus & status fuerint & alia que in hac parte requiruntur plenarie, continenter, distincte & aperte sertificand' & ad huiusmodi assessiones & taxaciones per indenturam huiusmodi contrarotuland' & super compoto ipsorum collectorum ad scaccarium nostrum fideliter testificand'. Et ideo vobis super fide & ligeancia vestris & sub forisfactura omnium que nobis forisfacere poteritis districtius †que† poterimus iniungimus & mandamus quod omnibus aliis pretermissis & excusacione quacumque cessante vos de

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We wishing to be answered faithfully and fully, as is proper, for the said subsidy, according to the form of the grant aforesaid, and trusting in your fidelity and watchfulness, have assigned you three or two of you, to assess and tax the said subsidy on the persons aforesaid as well lords and magnates as commons in the county of Leicester faithfully according to your discretion, according to the form of the grant aforesaid, sparing no one in this matter; and to certify the collectors of the said subsidy, namely, Robert Burgess of Melton, Will. Danet, John Wolf of Frowlesworth, Ralph Hurleman, Ric. Symond of Theddingworth, Will. of Sheepy, Will. Baars of Breedon and Ric. Deacon of Bowden, whom we have assigned for this purpose by other our letters patent, by indentures hereof to be made between you three or two of you and these collectors or two of them, of the sums by you thus to be assessed and taxed and of the number and names of the persons aforesaid and of what grade or state they may be, and of the other matters which are required in this behalf, fully, continually, distinctly and openly, and to counter-enroll such assessments and taxations by such indenture and to testify in the account of these collectors faithfully at our Exchequer. And therefore we enjoin and command you on your faith and allegiance and on pain of forfeiture of all that you can forfeit to us, as strictly as we can, that all other matters being laid aside and all excuse whatsoever

loco ad locum infra comitatum predictum tam infra libertates quam extra prout melius expedire videritis personaliter diuertatis & venire faciatis coram vobis tribus vel duobus vestrum de qualibet villa duos homines & constabularios & de qualibet ciuitate & burgo eiusdem comitatus Maiorem & balliuos & duos homines vel plures si necesse fuerit de melioribus & discretioribus hominibus villarum ciuitatum et burgorum predictorum qui meliorem noticiam de hominibus & personis ibidem ac de statu, gradu, numero, & nominibus ipsarum personarum habent ad certos breues dies & loca eis magis accomada per vos designand' ad informand' vos per sacramentum suum super numero & nominibus ac statu et gradu personarum villarum ciuitatum & burgorum predictorum, et dictum subsidium super personis illis per sacramentum & informacionem huiusmodi ac alias vias & modos quibus pro meliori fideliori & celeriori assessione & taxacione dicti subsidii expedire videritis assideri & taxari: et dictos collectores de huiusmodi assessione & taxacione per indenturas inde inter vos & ipsos in forma predicta faciendas certificari & assessiones & taxaciones predictas per indenturas illas contrarotulari & super compoto ipsorum collectorum ad scaccarium predictum testificari faciatis in forma supradicta. Et si forte premissas assessionem & taxacionem iuxta presens mandatum nostrum propter distanciam & largitatem comi-

set aside, that you move in person from place to place within the said county as well within liberties as without, as may appear best to you, and cause to be brought before you three or two of you from every town two men and the constables, and from every city and borough of the said county the Mayor and bailiffs and two men, or more if need be, of the better and more discreet men of the towns, cities and boroughs aforesaid, who have the best knowledge of the men and persons there and of the state, grade, number and names of these persons, to inform you on their oath, at certain near days and at the places the most convenient to them, to be named by you, concerning the number and names and estate and degree of the persons of the towns, cities and boroughs aforesaid, and to cause the said subsidy to be assessed and taxed on these persons by such oath and information and by other ways and means which you may deem best for the better, more faithful and rapid assessment and taxation of the said subsidy: and to cause the said collectors to be certified concerning such assessment and taxation by indentures thereof to be made between you and them in the form aforesaid, and to cause the assessments and taxations aforesaid to be counter-enrolled by these indentures and to be testified in the account of these collectors at the Exchequer aforesaid in form aforesaid. And if perchance you cannot conveniently make and execute the aforesaid assessment and taxation according to our present mandate on account of the distance and size of the county

[1] See for a like use Stubbs, *Select Charters*, p. 401.

tatus predicti et pro eo quod pauci in numero estis †comodo† facere & exequi non poteritis, tunc duos vel tres alios homines eiusdem comitatus vel plures si opus fuerit quos per ligeanciam vestram meliores & vtiliores pro fideli assessione subsidii predicti esse noueritis, & pro quorum fidelitate[1] vos ipsi respondere volueritis. per auisamentum & assensum militum qui ad parliamentum predictum pro communitate comitatus predicti venerunt, eligi & assignari & ex parte nostra per eorum sacramentum onerari faciatis quod ipsi ad dictam assessionem & taxacionem in locis vbi vos ipsi intendere et venire non poteritis vna vobiscum in forma predicta faciend' fideliter intendant, quos super ligeancia sua & sub forisfactura predicta sicut vos onerati estis tenore presencium oneramus quod ipsi assessionem & taxacionem huiusmodi in auxilium vestrum fideliter faciant prout per vos ex parte nostra fuerint onerati : mandamus enim eisdem collectoribus quod ipsi subsidium predictum iuxta assessionem & certificacionem vestras ac formam concessionis predicte colligant leuent & percipiant ad opus nostrum & nobis inde respondeant ad scaccarium supradictum. Damus autem vniuersis & singulis ducibus, comitibus, baronibus, militibus, liberis hominibus, & toti communitati comitatus predicti tam infra libertates quam extra necnon maioribus, balliuis & communitatibus ciuitatum, villarum & burgorum in eodem

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aforesaid and because you are few in number, then you may cause to be chosen and assigned two or three other men of that county, or more if need be, whom you on your allegiance know to be best and most useful for the faithful assessment of the said subsidy, and for whose fidelity you yourselves will answer, by the advice and assent of the knights who came to the aforesaid parliament for the commons of the said county and on our behalf cause them to be charged by their oath that they faithfully attend together with you to make in the form aforesaid the said assessment and taxation in the places where you yourselves cannot superintend and come, whom we charge on their allegiance and under the forfeiture aforesaid as you are charged by the tenour of these presents, that they make such assessment and taxation faithfully in your aid as they shall be charged by you on our behalf: for we order the said collectors that they collect levy and take the subsidy aforesaid according to your assessment and certificate and the form of the grant aforesaid to our use and answer to us therefor at the Exchequer abovesaid. We firmly order also to all and singular the dukes, earls, barons, knights, freemen and all the commons of the county aforesaid as well within liberties as without, together with the mayors, bailiffs and commons of the

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[1] "& pro quorum fidelitate" repeated.

comitatu ac vicecomiti nostro comitatus predicti tenore presencium firmiter in mandatis quod vobis in premissis omnibus & singulis intendentes sint consulentes & auxiliantes in forma predicta et quod idem vicecomes omnes & singulos in hac parte contrarios & rebelles distringi & si necesse fuerit arestari & in prisonis nostris saluo custodiri faciat prout eis scire feceritis ex parte nostra. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium xxvii die Maii anno secundo Regis Ricardi.

In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me etc.

[v".] Vous iurrez que bien & loialment metterez & taxerez toutes les gentz & persones lais del counte de Leycestre, deinz franchises & dehors, chescun de eux solonc son estat & degree & solonc ses facultes, terres, rentes, possessions, bienes & chateux, al subside grauntez a nostre sire le Roy en cest darrein parlement solonc la forme & manere du dit graunte come contenuz est en nostre comission a vous ent directe sanz esparnir a nule homme petit ne graunt de quel estat qil soit pour favour ne pour poure ne pour service ne pour doun ne profit prendre ne autre cause qecumque, mais chescun de eux, poures & riches, chescun solonc son estat & solonc la dite graunte metterez loialment a son porcion et les dites assessions & taxacions loialment

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cities, towns and boroughs in the said county and our sheriff of the aforesaid county by the tenour of these presents that they be intendent, counselling and aiding to you in the premises all and singular, in the form aforesaid, and that the said sheriff shall cause all and singular who shall be in this behalf ill-disposed and rebellious, to be distrained and if need be arrested and safely kept in our prisons, in such wise as ye shall direct them on our behalf. Witness the King at Westminster on the 27th day of May in the second year of King Richard.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself, &c.

You swear that you will well and loyally assess and tax all the people and lay persons of the county of Leicester within franchises and without, each of them according to his estate and degree and according to his property, lands, rents, possessions, goods and chattels, to the subsidy granted to our lord the King in this last parliament, according to the form and manner of the said grant, as is contained in our commission directed to you concerning this, without sparing any man, small or great, of whatever estate he may be, for favour or for power or for service or for gift or profit to be received, or for any other cause whatever, but will loyally assess each of them, poor and rich, each according to his estate and according to the said grant, at his share, and will loyally certify the said assessments and taxations to the collectors of

certificerez as coillours du dit subside en mesme le countes & loialment le tesmoignerez sur lour acompt. Si dieu vos †ade† o ses seintez.

Ville Leycestre

Assessours: Rog. de Belgraue, Will. del Grene, Will. de Humburston, Rob. Hornynglow, Hen. de Walton, Will. de Knyghton.

Coillours: Hen. de Clypston, Will. de Thornton, Joh. Chapmon, Joh. Virly, Tho. Bayly, Joh. Flekney.

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the said subsidy in the said county, and loyally will witness them on their account. So help you God and his saints.

Town of Leicester.

(Assessors and collectors as above.)

CXXXVII. *Grant of land in reversion to the Mayor and others.*

Box 15, No. 206. [Sep. 1, 1379.] Grant from Richard of Gamston, John Prentysz and Robert of Anstey of Leicester to Margaret late the wife of Roger of Beeby of Leicester draper, of all those lands, rents, etc. which they held of the gift and feoffment of the said Roger in the town and suburbs of Leicester, and after the death of the said Margaret to Thomas son of the said Roger, and his heirs, and failing heirs to Agnes and Alicia daughters of the said Roger, and their heirs, and failing heirs to William Ferour, Mayor of Leicester, Ralph Fisher, then second bailiff, John Spurrier and Roger Spurrier, chamberlains, Henry of Clipston, Roger of Belgrave, Will. of the Green, Rob. of Horninglow, Ric. Martin, John of London, Ric. of Thringstone, and John of Atherstone of Leicester, their heirs and assigns for ever.

Witnesses: Will. de Burgh, Steward of the town of Leicester, Ric. of Knighton, Will. of Humberston, And. Glasier, John of Peterborough, John Norman, John of "Stupton" and many others. Dated at Leicester, Thursday after the feast of the Decollation of St John the Baptist 3 Ric. II.

CXXXVIII. *Orders for the government of the town.*

Box 15, No. 207. V. B. No. 85. [Oct. 14, 1379.] [1] Hee constituciones facte sunt per Henricum de Clipston tunc Maiorem ville Leycestrie et per totam communitatem predicte ville a.r.r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum tercio[2].

These rules were made by Henry of Clipston then Mayor of the town of Leicester and by all the community of the aforesaid town in the third year of the reign of King Richard the second after the Conquest.

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[1] Cf. *Hist. MSS. Com.* 8th Report App. p. 413, and Thompson's *Leicester*, 1. p. 135.

[2] This title is in the V. B. only.

In dei nomine amen. Die veneris proxima post festum S. Dionisii martiris a.r.r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum tercio, Henrico de Clipston tunc Maiore ville Leycestrie, Johanne Norman, Ricardo Martyn, tunc balliuis ibidem (Ricardo Braunston & Roberto Ansti tunc Camerarii[s] uille predicte[1]) in aula gilde dicte uille, quedam ordinacio per dictum Maiorem et Juratos cum unanimi consensu et assensu tocius communitatis uille predicte facta fuit imperpetuum obseruanda sub forma que subsequitur. In primis ordinatum fuit quod Maior uille predicte quicunque fuerit nemini erit in aliquo computabilis in futurum. Et quod Maior quicumque fuerit recipiet annuatim a communitate uille predicte decem libras argenti, soluendas per manus camerariorum eiusdem uille ad tres anni terminos, videlicet ad festa Sancti Michaelis archangeli, Purificacionis beate Marie et Pentecost per equales porciones sub condicione subscripta: videlicet xl*s*. pro suo conuiuio (utrum sit maioris precii uel minoris[2]). Et si non tenuerit conuiuium nichil recipiet de illis[3] xl*s*. Item xl*s*. pro vadiis sui clientis[4] et si nullum habuerit clientem nichil recipiet de illis xl*s*. Item xx*s*. pro vadiis sui clerici (qui quidem clericus eciam

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In the name of God Amen. On Friday next after the feast of St Denys the martyr in the third year of the reign of King Richard the second after the Conquest, Henry of Clipston being then Mayor of the town of Leicester, John Norman, Ric. Martin then being bailiffs there, Ric. Braunston and Rob. Anstey then being chamberlains of the town aforesaid, in the gildhall of the said town, a certain ordinance was made by the said Mayor and Jurats with the unanimous consent and assent of all the community of the town aforesaid to be observed for ever, under the form which follows. First it was ordained that the Mayor of the town aforesaid, whoever he might be, shall be accountable to no one in any way in future. And that the Mayor, whoever he might be, shall receive yearly from the community of the town aforesaid £10 of silver to be paid by the hands of the chamberlains of this town at three terms of the year, to wit at the feasts of St Michael the Archangel, the Purification of the blessed Mary, and Whitsuntide, by equal portions under the following condition, to wit 40*s*. for his feast whether it be of higher or of lower price. And if he did not hold a feast he shall receive nothing of the said 40*s*. Item 40*s*. for the wages of his serjeant and if he had no serjeant he shall receive nothing of this 40*s*. Item 20*s*. for the wages of his clerk, which clerk shall also attend the chamberlains for the time being.

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[1] This passage is in the V. B. only.
[2] Supplied from the V. B.
[3] The V. B. has "de illis subscriptis videlicet."
[4] The V. B. puts the clerk first with 40*s*. and the "cliens" second with 20*s*.

attendet camerariis qui pro tempore fuerint[1]). Et si non habuerit clericum nichil recipiet de hiis xx*s*. Residuum vero dictarum x librarum recipiet Maior annuatim pro reliquis eius sumptibus et expensis ad terminos prenotatos. Item ordinatum fuit quod si aliqui sumptus facti fuerint erga dominum Regem, dominum uille Leycestrie, aut erga quemcumque alium dominum uel dominam, seu erga quemcumque alium hominem nomine dicte uille tunc iidem sumptus ordinabuntur per Maiorem qui tunc fuerit et maiorem numerum Juratorum et per viginti quatuor communes nominatos uel per totam communitatem. Item ordinatum fuit quod duo camerarii quicumque fuerint annuatim reparabunt, sustentabunt et emendabunt portas, muros, fossas, pontes, pauimenta, domos ac omnia alia et singula que pertinent aut pertinebunt ad communitatem uille predicte per uisum Maioris qui pro tempore fuerit ex sumptibus tocius communitatis. Item ordinatum fuit quod camerarii annuatim colligant omnes redditus necnon omnia alia et singula que pertinent aut pertinebunt ad communitatem uille predicte et ad gildam mercatorum. Et iidem camerarii inde reddent racionabile compotum et fidele, quilibet pro suo tempore in fine anni cuiuslibet coram Maiore qui tunc fuerit et certis auditoribus a Juratis et communitate uille predicte nominaliter electis et ad hoc

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And if he should have no clerk he shall receive nothing of these 20*s*. The rest of the said £10 the Mayor shall receive yearly for his remaining charges and expenses at the aforesaid terms. Item it was ordained that if any charges were incurred on behalf of the lord King, the lord of the town of Leicester, or any other lord or lady or any other person in the name of the said town, then these charges shall be ordered by the Mayor for the time being and the greater number of the Jurats and by 24 commons appointed or by the whole community. Item it was ordained that the two chamberlains whoever they might be shall yearly repair, maintain and amend the gates, walls, ditches, bridges, pavements, houses and other matters all and singular which belong or shall belong to the community of the town aforesaid, by view of the Mayor for the time being, at the charges of the whole community. Item it was ordained that the chamberlains shall collect yearly all the rents together with other matters all and singular which belong or shall belong to the community of the town aforesaid and to the gild of merchants. And these chamberlains shall render reasonable and faithful account thereof, each for his time, at the end of the year of each one's office, before the Mayor for the time being and certain auditors chosen from the Jurats and the community of the town aforesaid by

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[1] This passage is omitted here in the V. B. and added before the supplementary clause at the end.

specialiter deputatis. Item ordinatum fuit quod camerarii qui fuerint annuatim recipient xl solidos argenti a communitate uille predicte ad tres anni terminos superius nominatos per equales porciones, qui quidem xl*s*. eisdem camerariis in suo compoto allocabuntur. Ordinata sunt hec et statuta per dictum Maiorem et Juratos cum unanimi consensu & assensu tocius communitatis uille predicte prout superius scribuntur et recitantur anno, die et loco supra scriptis. (Postea ordinatum est per Maiorem et per omnes Juratos et per totam communitatem quod quicumque sit Maior pro anno non erit anno proximo futuro[1].)

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name and specially deputed for this purpose. Item it was ordained that the chamberlains for the time being shall receive yearly 40*s*. of silver from the community of the town aforesaid at the three terms of the year above named by equal portions, which 40*s*. shall be allowed to the said chamberlains in their account. These things are ordained and appointed by the said Mayor and Jurats with the unanimous assent and consent of all the community of the town aforesaid in such wise as they are above written and recited in the year, on the day and at the place above written. Afterwards it was ordained by the Mayor and by all the Jurats and by all the community that whoever shall be Mayor for the year shall not be Mayor in the year next following.

CXXXIX. *Exemplification of the Earl of Lancaster's case in answer to a writ of Quo Warranto.*

Box 15, Nos. 208, 209[2]. [Nov. 16, 1379.] Richard by the grace of God King of England and France, lord of Ireland, to all to whom these present letters shall come greeting. We have inspected the tenour of the record and process of the plea which was held before the lord Edward late King of England our grandfather which we caused to come before us in our chancery in these words: Pleas before the lord King at Westminster of Michaelmas term in the 4th year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward, the third after the Conquest. Geoffrey le Scrope and his fellows, Justices last in eyre in the county of Northampton, sent the record hither in these words: Pleas of Quo Warranto before Geoffrey le Scrope and his fellows, Justices of the lord King in eyre at Northampton on Monday next after the Feast of All Saints in the...[3]year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest. Northampton.

Here follows the account of the trial published in the *Placita de Quo Warranto*, pp. 580–2. This instrument then proceeds:

On which day Adam of Fincham who sued for the lord King comes, and the said Earl by his attorney likewise comes, and having inspected the record and process aforesaid it is charged against them that the said Earl, in as much as he, by his bailiffs, caused transgressors, breaking the assize of bread and beer, to be

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[1] Added from the V. B.

[2] No. 209 is a contemporary copy, No. 208 is in a hand of a century later.

[3] Not named.

punished by amercements and not by the judgement of the pillory or tumbrel as is the custom etc. has abused the aforesaid liberty, wherefore he is asked whether he knows aught else to say to maintain the aforesaid liberty etc. He says he does not, but claims that he may be admitted to make fine with the lord King for the abuse of the aforesaid liberty and for recovering that liberty. And he is admitted for a fine of 20*s*. by the pledge of Richard de Rivers, knight. Therefore the said Earl herein is without day[1] saving always the right of the lord King, if a second time he should be impleaded hereof etc. Roll 128. We have caused the tenour of the record and process aforesaid to be exemplified by these presents. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the 16th day of November in the 3rd year of our reign.

MELTON.

Examined by Robert of Muskham and Robert of Melton, clerks.

CXL. *Offences of Weavers.*

V. B. No. 16. [Undated.] Fait a remembrer que William Martyn Webstere oue le pilede teste et Janyn Frensche Webstere furent trouez et ateynt de Thromez quilz aueyent fait quilez furent del longure dun verge et dim., pour quele chose ils furent agugez par William Ferrour Mair de Leycestre et par les Jurez et par tout lour Craft al Pilorie, et execucioun [fut] fait. Et pour le faucete que gentz disent et parlent que fuyst vse en le craft de longe Thromez et de bruyne[2] que fuyst preiudys al craft, furent deux hommez elytz del craft, Thomas Webstere et Roger Webstere, pour ruler lour craft par tout la ville de Leycestre. Et parceo que ditz William et Janyn vssent este en le Pilorie ils furent de puis iures destre leal al Rey et a monsieur de Lancastre et a monsieur de Derby et a[3] lour craft & quilz ne duyssent vser nuyll bruyne ne altre chose que fuyst preiudis al craft; et sur

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Be it remembered that Will. Martin, webster, with the bald head, and Janin French, webster, were found and attainted for the thrums which they had made which were of the length of a yard and a half, for which thing they were adjudged by Will. Ferour Mayor of Leicester and by the Jurats and by all their craft to the pillory and execution was done. And for the falsity which people talk and speak of, which was used in the craft concerning long thrums and concerning bad yarn (?) which was prejudicial to the craft, two men of the craft, Thomas Webster and Roger Webster, were chosen by all the town of Leicester to rule their craft. And whereas the said William and Janin had been in the pillory, they were sworn to be loyal henceforth to the King and to my lord of Lancaster and to my lord of Derby and to their craft, and that they ought not to use any bad yarn (?) or other thing which should

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[1] Dismissed sine die.

[2] Quaere.

[3] *Del falsete* added and struck out.

le eleccion de dit Thomas et Roger ils furent iurez de visiter et a sercher tut le craft et presenter ceux qui furent trouez en defalte et depuys dit gentz Thomas et Roger aserchent lour craft et trouent bruyne en le meson de dit William Martyn et parceo quils le vsse troue oue lui il lez maldyt dispitousement et maliciousement et dit quil voderait tuer quatre de eux; sur quele chose il fuyst areste par le Mair et mys en prisone, en quele prisone il duysse auoir este quarante iours et nemye este delyuere saunz graunt fyn fet al P' pour le fausete que fuist troue oue lui, ore deux foith, et al tierce defalte droit voil quil pariure la ville.

be prejudicial to the craft; and on the election of the said Thomas and Roger they were sworn to visit and search all the craft and to present those who were found in default, and afterwards the said people Thomas and Roger searched their craft and found bad yarn (?) in the house of the said William Martin and because they found it out with him, he abused them spitefully and maliciously and said that he would kill four of them; wherefore he was arrested by the Mayor and put in prison, in which he ought to have been for 40 days and no wise ought to have been delivered without making great fine to the Portmoot (?) for the falsity that was found in him, now twice; and at the third default right requires that he shall foreswear the town.

CXLI. *Merchant Gild Roll.*

Box 2, No. 58. [1380.] This is the morningspeech held by Henry of Clipston, Mayor of the town of Leicester, Richard Braunston and Robert Anstey being chamberlains of the said town, 3 Ric. II.

(Entries) Rob. de Locton, Nic. Wytemot, Joh. de Hougton, Rob. Dod baker, Will. Malteby tailour, Mic. Braban webster, Joh. Holdecros, Rob. Schyrwod, Tho. Glouer, Will. Tylton barker, Will. Rysbey mercer, Will. Candelmaker, Rog. de Whalley spyser, Rog. Copper glouer, Mat. Bagot, Joh. Thorp quondam servus Henrici de Clipston, Rad. Colton skynner, Joh. de Hynde syfker[1], Joh. de Bolton taverner, Joh. Assche hamberow maker[2], Tho. Lovel walker, Joh. Hend cartwryghth, Will. Lyfe, Alanus Makesfeld, Will. de Blyth marchal, Will. Eyton taillour, Rob. Leneby taillour, Joh. de Merston parcheminer, Hen. Oye Dale[3] taverner, Reg. Webster Braban[4], Joh. Mannyng couper, Hugo Chapman.

[1] Sievemaker, see *Prompt. Parv.* s. v. syvȝere.
[2] Horse-collar-maker.
[3] Of the Dale.
[4] Native of Brabant.

CXLII. *Ordinance concerning Watermen and concerning the Cowhay.*

Box 14, No. 388. (2[1].) [Date uncertain.] En presence du Meir et Jurres et toute la comunalte en la commune sale tenuz le Vendirdy le duzsime iour de Juyn lan etc. quint[2] assentuz est et ordeigne que le cry soit fete que desormes les lochelmen appelles *watirmen* soient disseuere et serueient la commune bien et lealment solump la usage deuant use et si null associacion seit entre eaux et de ceo soient ateintz, qe les chamberleyns facent leuer de chekun de eaus al primer defaut xl*d.* al oeps et profit del commune et al secund defaut dim. marc et issint encresant a chekun defaut xl*d.* tan qils se voillent iustifier †al† cell ordeignance.

Item ordeigne est mesme le iour que null desormes eit beef ne vasche ne null auer en le Kowheye (Oxheye[3]) sil ne seit burgeys le P' et auxint que null burgeys eit en mesme la pasture forspris vn beef, vne vasche, issint qil eit deux en meisme la pasture saunz plus.

CXLIII. *Quitclaim from William Ferour.*

V. B. No. 92. [Aug. 14, 1382.] [A la feste de l[4]]assumption de notre dame lan du Roye sisme, William Ferour burgeis de Leycestre

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In the presence of the Mayor and Jurats and all the commonalty in the common hall held on Friday the 12th day of June the year etc. the fifth (?) it is agreed and ordained that proclamation shall be made that henceforth the "lochelmen" called watermen shall be separated and shall serve the commune well and loyally according to the custom before used, and if any association be found among them and they shall be attainted of this, that the chamberlains cause 3*s.* 4*d.* to be levied from each of them at the first default, to the use and profit of the community, and at the second default 6*s.* 8*d.*, and so increasing 3*s.* 4*d.* at each default until they will submit to this ordinance.

It is ordained the same day that no one henceforth may have ox or cow or any beast in the Cowhay (Oxhay) unless he be burgess of Portmoot (?), and also that no burgess shall have more than an ox and a cow in the said pasture, so that he may have two beasts in the same pasture and not more.

At the feast of the Assumption of our Lady in the sixth year of the reign of the King, William Ferour burgess of Leicester came before John of

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[1] On paper.

[2] The 12th of June did not fall on a Friday in 5 Ric. II., but the character of the writing is of that period. It fell on a Friday in the sixth year of Ric. II.

[3] Kowheye is written over Oxheye.

[4] The top and sides are cropped.

veint deuant John de Stafford adonkes Meir de Leycestre et autres burgeis de la dite ville et fit vn relesse a Monsieur Robert de Swillyngton en manere qe [ensuit.]

Sachent toutes genz qe ieo William Ferour burgeys de Leycestre par encheson de diuerses som(mes) les queux Monsieur Robert de Swillyngton moy ad paie deuant ces hures as diuerses temps ieo [le] dit William Ferour par ycestes ay relesse & quiteclame al dit M. Robert de Swillyngton to[tes] maneres dacciones & chalenges de dette, trespas, acounte & couenant les queux iay ou auoir [puisse] enuers le dit M. Robert del comensement de mounde tan qe al fesance de ycestes. Et le dit William voille qil soit conuz a touz gentz qe le dit Monsieur Robert moy ad perfourmez touz les couenantz parlez et assentuz parentre ly & moy en touz choses. En tesmoignance de quelle chose a [cest] escript ay mys mon seal. Done en la ville de Leycestre le quarte iour daugust en lan du nostre seignour le Roy Richard secound puis le conquest sisme.

CXLIV. *Letter of Record touching a conveyance.*

V. B. No. 66. [May 18, 1385.] Nous Maire Jures et communes de la ville de Leycestre fasouns a sauoir a toutz gentz en conysaunce de la verite qe deuant ces hures serteyns terres et tenementz †on† la dit ville par chartre de fee taille furount dones a Johan Norman et a Anne a cele temps sa femme et a lez heirs de lour deux corps

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Stafford then Mayor of Leicester and other burgesses of the said town and made a release to Sir Robert of Swillington in manner following:—

Know all men that I William Ferour burgess of Leicester by reason of divers sums which Sir Robert of Swillington has paid me before now at divers times, I the said William Ferour have by these presents released and quit-claimed to the said Sir Robert of Swillington all kinds of actions and challenges of debt, trespass, account and covenant which I have or may have against the said Sir Robert, from the beginning of the world till the making of these presents. And the said William wishes that it be known to all people that the said Sir Robert has performed all the covenants discussed and agreed to between him and me in all things. In witness whereof I have set my seal to this writing. Given in the town of Leicester the fourth day of August in the sixth year of our lord the King Richard the second since the Conquest.

We the Mayor, Jurats and commons of the town of Leicester make known to all people in acknowledgment of the truth that before this time certain lands and tenements in the said town were given by charter of fee tail to John Norman and to Anne at that time his wife and to the heirs of their two

engendres & par defaute de issue parentre eux remeyndre a lez droit heirs la dit John en la quele chartre & taille furent specefies serteyns tenementz ioynauns sur lez mesouns en les queux lez chanouns de la Collegie de la Eglise de seynt Marie en la dit ville iuxte le Chastiel de Leycestre sount demeuraunz del vn part & lez mesounz iadis a monsieur Robert de Holand del altre part: la quel Anne est a dieux comaunde sauns issue ouek la dit John; la quel John susdit ore tarde par son chartre dona lez ditz tenementz ioynaunz sur la dit Collegie en manere susdit a monsieur Robert de Swyllington chiualer, Sire William Chyselden, Symon Bache, Robert Grethed, Robert de Bonney clerks a lours heirs & a lour assignez, cum apiert par la dit chartre enrollez en nostre Court de Leycestre. Auxi la dit John a la fesaunce de ycestez fuist espousez a vne femme appelle Auneys. En testemoygnance de quel chose a ceste lettre de record nous auouns mys nostre commune seal. Done a Leycestre le disoeptisme iour de may en lan du regne de monsieur le Roy Richard secunde puis la conqueste oeptisme.

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bodies begotten and for lack of issue between them to remain to the right heirs of the said John, in which charter and tail there were specified certain tenements adjoining the houses in which the canons of the College of the Church of St Mary in the said town near the Castle of Leicester are dwelling of the one part, and the houses late Sir Robert of Holland's of the other part: which Anne has departed to God without issue by the said John; which John abovesaid now lately by his charter gave the said tenements, adjoining the said College in the manner abovesaid, to Sir Robert of Swillington Knight, Sir William Chisledon, Simon Bache, Robert Greathead, Robert of Bunny clerks, their heirs and assigns, as appears by the said charter enrolled in our Court of Leicester. Also the said John at the execution of these presents was married to a woman named Agnes. In witness whereof to this letter of record we have set our common seal. Given at Leicester the 18th day of May in the eighth year of the reign of the lord King Richard the second since the Conquest.

CXLV. *Grant to the Mayor and others.*

Locked Book fo. 9. [June 17, 1388.] A sixteenth century copy of a grant from Will. Stretton of Whetstone to Ric. Braunston, Mayor, Thomas Wakefield, Will. Morton and Roger Humberston of Leicester, of twelve pence of annual rent issuing from a messuage sometime Walter Sergeant's in Whetstone, from a half virgate of land less three acres, and also of the reversion of the said messuage and land after the death of himself and his heirs.

Witnesses: John Dyker, Will. in the Lane, Will. Smyth, John Palmer, Tho. Palmer of Whetstone, and others. Whetstone, Wednesday the Feast of St Botulph, 11 Ric II.

CXLVI. *Rental of Lord de Grey.*

Box 9, No. 209. [Date uncertain[1].] [r°.] Rentale redditus quondam Domini de Grey in Leycestria in manibus heredum Johannis de Wylugby quondam Matilde Costeyn heredis Henrici Costeyn.

Extra portam australem.

[2]De tenemento Thome Dayred iuxta domum Gilberti Wade, postea Amicia Wynger, modo Mat. Halford tenet . . . . . xv*d.* et i gallum, i gallinam.

[3]De tenemento Alexandri Turnour vbi manet postea Ric. Wynger, modo Joh. Cnaptoft tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

[4]De tenemento Gilberti Wade vbi manet: modo Joh. Norman tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

[5]De tenemento Johannis de Knyghton vbi manet: modo Rog. de Croxton tenet . . . . . viii*d.* ii gallinas.

[6]De tenemento Thome Ernold iuxta domum Ricardi Wynger: quondam Joh. filius Ade Petling, modo Hen. Dunstapul tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

[7]De tenemento Radulfi de Carleton iuxta domum Thome Ernold: modo Willhelmus Wynger tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

[8]De domo Johannis Ferey iuxta domum vbi manet[9] . iiii*d.*

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[1] The Dominus de Grey is perhaps Reginald Grey, lord Grey de Ruthin, ancestor of the Greys of Groby. In Inq. p. M. of 15 Ric. II. he is styled Reg. de Grey Chivaler. He succeeded his father 1388, and his second wife was Joan daughter and heir of Will. de Astley by Joan daughter of John Willoughby, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, also called John de Willoughby. Reginald Grey died 1440–1. The general character of the rental seems to point to the reign of Richard II., though many tenements are called after owners or occupants of a far earlier date.

To economize space the rentals will not be translated.

[2] On the dorse many of these entries are repeated. The dorse is probably the earlier list. Thus Mat. Halford's tenancy is omitted in the first entry on the dorse.

[3] The dorse has Alex. Turner as tenant, Ric. Wynger holds.

[4] In dorse Ric. not John Norman.

[5] In dorse Rob. Cartwright holds.

[6] [v°] Adam of Peatling dwells.

[7] [v°] Alan Pannarius holds.

[8] [v°] in manibus heredum Johannis de Knighton draper, Sapcote in berneg' (?).

[9] After this the following appear on the verso:

De quadam placea ex opposito grangie quondam Willelmi Iring, quondam placea vacata iuxta grangiam Abbatis ex parte australi . . . . . viii*d.* ii gallinas.

De ten. in quo Falleinwolle manet: modo Th. de Thurmaston walker . . . . . xii*d.* i gallum, i gallinam.

De quodam crofto retro tenementum quondam Walteri de Welham modo Tho. Welham . . . . . xii*d.* i gallum, i gallinam.

De terra Willelmi Daubeney: Ric. de Knighton cocus tenet . . xii*d.* i gallinam.

De domo Johannis de Honthorp in Coupelondlane . . . . . iiii*d.* ii gallinas.

De domo Cherey . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

De domo quam Elena ad Portam solebat tenere in Coupelondlane . . . . . vi*d.* ii gallinas.

De domo Gilberti Mason infra portam australem . . . . . vi*d.* ii gallinas et Com'[1] xii*d.*

De quadam selda iuxta eandem domum . . vi*d.* i gallinam.

Infra villam.

De domo Johannis le Teler . . . . vi*d.* iiii gallinas.

De domo quondam Ernaldi de Molendino . . ii gallinas.

De domo quondam Willhelmi de Brakele iuxta domum Willhelmi de Cranford . . . . . iii*s.* iii*d.*

De domo Willhelmi le Mason in parochia Sancti Nicholai . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

De domo Petri Aurifabri iuxta domum Willhelmi de Sadington . . . . . xii*d.* ii capones.

De domo Willhelmi Engleys iuxta domum in qua manet: modo Willhelmus Palmer tenet . . . . . vi*d.*

De terra Roberti Mey vbi Radulfus Scharp manere solebat: modo Johannes de Thurmaston walker tenet . viii*d.* i ob. ii gallinas.

De domo Phillipi le Gardener: modo Thomas Gunfrey tenet . vi*d.*

De domo quondam Matilde Curlevache ex opposito Jacobi Schep[2] . . . . . ix*d.*

De quodam crofto extra portam australem quod Elena Oliuer solebat tenere et postea vxor Ricardi de Colsill et postea Ricardus Wynger tenet . . . . . iii*d.* ii capones.

De domo iuxta domum Roberti Welton postea Willhelmus Cloun tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

De terra Willhelmi Baldewyn iuxta ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis . . . . . vi*d.* ii gallinas.

De domo Radulfi Norman ex opposito quondam Henrici de Rodington . . . . . i gallinam.

De placea cuiusdam terre iuxta domum Henrici de Aula uersus forum Sabbati[3] . . . . . vi*d.*

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[1] ? Communitati or Comiti.

[2] Here the verso inserts De Warino carnifice pro uno schamello . vi*d.* i gallinam. De Thoma Mauntelet pro i schamello . . . . . xv*d.* ii capones.

[3] Here [v°] inserts De Joh. Witsyde de quadam selda in foro Sabbati . . . iii*d.*

De terra Ade de Braunston in Wolrounlane viz.: de quodam mesuagio . . . . . i gallinam.

De placea ex opposito Petri Pyk in Mortua Venella[1] . . . . . xiiii*d.* ii gallinas.

De camera Nicholai Burbache ex opposito Sancti Johannis . . . . . ii capones.

De tenemento Matilde Thurston quod Ric. Wynger tenet . . . . . ii capones.

De tenemento quod vocatur Fremantel: modo Christian' Haldestre tenet . . . . . ii capones.

De Domina de Peyghulton de terra iuxta fratres minores vnde idem fratres adquisierunt feodum . . . . . viii*d.*

Extra portam orientalem[2].

De tenemento Johannis Flekeney quondam Walteri Jurdan et postea Ricardi Babgraue . . . . . ii gallinas.

De domo Radulfi Ace . . . . . i gallinam.

De Willhelmo de Lydington pro quodam muro: modo Willhelmus Bee tenet . . . . . iii*d.* i gallinam.

De Petro Hunfrey pro domo sua . xix*d.* ii gallos et ii gallinas.

De eodem Petro pro terra adquisita de Radulfo de Quenibour . . . . . xii*d.* iii gallinas.

De domo Radulfi de Crombwell: modo vxor quondam Ricardi Gouteby tenet . . . . . i*d.*

De domo quondam Johannis de Rolston: modo prepositus ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum tenet . . . . . vi*d.* i gallinam.

De tenemento quondam Willhelmi Caritas: modo Flyndirkyn de oluston tenet †medieatem† predicti tenementi et Johannes de Kyrkeby tenet alteram partem et reddunt per annum . xiii*d.*

De Dote Beatricis Costeyn.

De domo quondam Henrici Norman: modo Gylde Sancte Margarete tenet . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.

De [domo] Alexandri de Segraue vbi manere solebat . . . . . xviii*d.* ii capones.

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[1] Here [v°] inserts the following:

De vno crofto ex parte australi quod Will. de Brakele solebat tenere iii*d.* ii capones.

De omnibus terris Joh^{is} de Wyteby quas W. Toke tenet †silicet† ad cornerium Calidi Vici . . . . . i rosam.

De una placea quondam Ric^{i} de Blaby in parochia Sancti Sepulcri i par cerotecarum.

De ten. et tenura quondam Amicie de Wyteby iuxta portam borialem vbi W. Rowe solebat manere . . . . . i par cerotecarum.

De ten. quondam Simonis Wibern . . . . . i par cerotecarum.

[2] Inserted from [v°].

De domo quondam Ricardi Clerici prope altam crucem . . . . . iii*s.* ii capones.
De Waltero filio Hugonis in Mortua venella[1] . . . . . xvii*d.* iii gallinas i gallum.

[v°] *Vicus †Percaminarii†.*

De domo Henrici Cosyn . . . . . xii*d.* ii gallinas.
De domo Tho. de Hawkesbery . . . . . ii*d.*
De domo Rob. Welton ubi manet.
De quadam terra prope Henricum de Aula . . . ii*d.*
De Elia in le Lane de quodam crofto . . . iii gallinas.
De terra Johannis Glyde prope gardinum leprosorum[2].
De domo Emme le Furner . . . . . vii*d.* i gallinam.
De tenemento Rad. de Queniborow . . . . . vi*d.*
(2 more, illegible.)

CXLVII. *Conveyances with reversion to the Borough.*

Box 12, Nos. 217, 218. [June 24, 1392.] Grant from Nicholas Glover lately dwelling in Leicester, now in the city of London, and Elizabeth his wife, to Richard son of Isabella, sometime widow of Thomas Milner of Leicester, of a messuage in Leicester in the parish of St Martin, between the tenement of the prior of Nuneaton and the tenement, sometime Master John Beaumer's, opposite the North corner of the churchyard of the said church and abutting on John Folvill's tenement on the North side, containing in length 100 feet and in width 50 feet. And if the said Richard die without heirs then to Amy and Elizabeth daughters of the said Thomas Milner and Isabella or to whichever of them survives, and their heirs, and failing heirs then to Robert Lay and Isabella his wife and after them to Thomas Walker of Budhill, saddler, and if he die without heirs then to William Walker of Budhill, mercer, his brother, and if he die without heirs to the Mayor and chamberlains of the town of Leicester and their successors, for the use, advantage and profit of the whole community of the town. Witnesses:—Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, John Barbour, Rob. Galmyngton, chamberlains, John Stafford, Will. Humberston, Ric. of Knighton, Hen. Clippeston, John Peterborough, Tho. Wakefield, John Norman of Leicester and others. Leicester, Monday the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist 16 Ric. II.

217 has two seals. 1. Ecclesiastic to the right kneeling before crowned Virgin and Child to left erect. To left of Virgin a floral ornament. Within a circular inscription between two lines * HUG... DE ...ING. Form, circular. Size 21 mm. Wax, red. 2. A heart with cross issuant, surrounded by an inscription obliterated between two beaded lines. Form, oval. Size 14 × 12 mm. Wax, red.

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[1] Here the verso inserts De Willelmo filio Hugonis pro uno schamello xii*d.* ii capones.
De Will. de Billuston pro uno schamello . . . . . xii*d.* ii capones.
De uno schamello quondam Jabobi de Huncotis quod Ric. de Gerond[on] tenet ii capones.

[2] Rent illegible.

Box 12, No. 219. [June 24, 1392.] The same grantors grant to Amy daughter of Thomas Milner of Leicester two shops lying together in Leicester near the High Cross between the tenement of Ric. Hotofte on the North and that late of Will. Taylard on the South and stretching from the high street to the East as far as the tenement late Will. Taylard's towards the West. Remainder to Richard son of the said (*sic*) Isabella, and Elizabeth daughter of the said Thomas, sister of the said Amy, or the survivor and their heirs lawfully begotten. Failing heirs to Robert Lay and Isabella his wife (and as in 217). [Same witnesses and date. Same seals.]

Box 12, No. 220. [June 24, 1392.] The same to Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Milner, of a messuage in Leicester situated at the corner opposite the gate of the Friars Preachers, between the lane called Friar Lane (Frerelane) on the North side and John Peterborough's land on the South, and stretching westwards from the King's highway to the land of the Duke of Lancaster; if she die without heirs then to Richard son of Isabella and Amy daughter of Thomas Milner; failing heirs of them then to Robert Lay and Isabella (etc. as in No. 217).

[Same date, same witnesses, same seals.]

Box 12, No. 221. [June 24, 1392.] A copy of the three indentures, and an appointment by Nic. Glover of Thomas Seburgh of Leicester, and John Loveday to be his attorneys to deliver seisin to Richard, Amy and Elizabeth.

CXLVIII. *Licence from John of Gaunt for a grant in mortmain.*

Box 19, No. 224. [Aug. 15, 1392.] Johannes filius Regis Anglie, dux Aquitannie & Lancastrie, Comes Derbeie, Lincolnie & Leycestrie, Senescallus Anglie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gracia nostra speciali & pro xx libris per Henricum de Beby & Rogerum Braunston burgenses ville nostre Leycestrie soluendis, de dono nostro carissimis nobis in Christo Abbati & conuentui de Cristall concessimus & licenciam dedimus pro nobis & heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilectis nobis Willelmo Humberston & Johanni Cook quod ipsi vnum mesuagium quatuor shopas et sex cotagia cum pertinenciis que de nobis tenentur infra villam nostram predictam per fidelitatem tantum, prout per inquisi-

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John son of the King of England, Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster, Earl of Derby, Lincoln and Leicester, Steward of England, to all to whom the present letters shall come greeting. Know that we of our special grace and for £20 to be paid by Henry of Beeby and Roger Braunston burgesses of our town of Leicester, of our gift to our beloved in Christ the abbot and convent of Kirkstall (?) we have granted and given licence for us and our heirs as far as in us lies to our beloved William Humberston and John Cook, that they may give and assign one messuage, four shops and six cottages with appurtenances, which are held of us within our aforesaid town by fealty only, as is found by

cionem coram Willelmo de Byspham locumtenente Thome le Walsh chiualer Senescalli honoris nostri Leycestrie de mandato inde captam & in Cancellaria nostra retornatam est compertum, dare possint & assignare dominis Rogero Baker de Wylughby, Johanni Couper de Flecton, Ricardo Kirkewode & Willelmo Dekun de Beby capellanis, habenda sibi et successoribus suis in ecclesia S. Martini Leycestrie diuina celebraturis imperpetuum: Et eisdem dominis Rogero, Johanni, Ricardo et Willelmo quod ipsi predicta mesuagium quatuor shopas et sex cotagia cum pertinenciis a prefatis Willelmo Humbirston & Johanne Cook recipere valeant & retinere sibi et successoribus suis vt predictum est tenore presencium, licenciam similiter dedimus specialem, statuto de terris & tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante. Saluis tamen nobis et heredibus nostris serviciis & consuetudinibus de predictis mesuagio, shopis & cottagiis debitis & consuetis. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Dat' sub sigillo nostro in abbatia de Cristall xv die Augusti a.r.r. domini nostri Ricardi secundi post conquestum sextodecimo.

[Portion of the seal of John of Gaunt, the legend...Derby Linc' et Leyc' Senescalli...is legible.]

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inquisition before Will. of Bispham lieutenant of Thomas le Walsh, knight, Steward of our honour of Leicester by mandate taken thereon and returned to our chancery, to Sirs Roger Baker of Willoughby, John Couper of Fletton, Ric. Kirkewode and Will. Dekun of Beeby chaplains, to have to them and their successors (chaplains) celebrating divine service in the church of St Martin of Leicester for ever. And we have likewise given special licence by the tenour of these presents to the said Sirs Roger, John, Richard and William that they may receive the said messuage, four shops and six cottages with appurtenances, from the aforesaid Will. Humbirston and John Cook and keep them for themselves and their successors as is aforesaid, the statute issued concerning the not putting of lands and tenements in mortmain, notwithstanding: saving however to us and our heirs the services and customs due and accustomed from the aforesaid messuage, shops and cottages. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Given under our seal in the abbey of Kirkstall (?) on the 15th day of August in the 16th year of the reign of our lord King Richard the second after the Conquest.

CXLIX. *Licence for a conveyance to the Borough.*

Box 19, No. 226. [Sep. 14, 1392.][1] Richard II. by special favour and for £20 paid to him by the Mayor and community of the town of Leicester grants leave to Will. Mercer and Will. Spencer to give 8 messuages, 15 cottages, 2 shops, 1 toft,

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[1] Cf. *Nichols* IV. i. App. 368 for a copy of the Inq. ad quod damnum on the Whetstone grant.

6 virgates and 9 acres of (arable) land, 6 acres and 1 rood of meadow and 25*s.* 9½*d.* yearly of rent, and the rent of 1 cock and 2 hens with their appurtenances in Leicester, Whetstone and Great Glen, which are not held of him, to be held by them and their successors for the repair and bettering of the six bridges within the town of Leicester and for other burdens arising within the said town, according to the ordinance of the grantors ; and the said grantors may grant two messuages and a rood of land in Leicester which likewise are not held of the King, and which Margaret who was the wife of Roger Beby holds for life, with reversion on her death to the grantors, and two cottages in Leicester, not held of the King, which John Weston holds for life, with reversion on his death to the grantors ; these after the death of Margaret and of John shall remain to the Mayor and community their heirs and successors, together with the before named 8 messuages etc. Given at Nottingham 14 Sep. in the sixteenth year.

BURTON.

[Great seal in green wax, imperfect.]

CL. *Conveyances of lands to the Borough.*

Box 12, No. 228. [Sep. 24, 1392.] Grant from William Mercer and William Spencer to the Mayor and community of Leicester of the estates described above. Witnesses, Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Hen. Clipston, Ric. Gameston, Will. Humberston, Ric. Martyn. Leicester, Sep. 24, 16 Ric. II.

[Seals two. 1. Within a line above the letter W are hatchings. Form, oval. Size, 13×15 mm. Wax, red. 2. A shield within richly cusped tracery. All within a border containing the legend "Johannis de L...." Form, circular. Size, 20 mm. Wax, red.]

Box 19, No. 230[1]. [Sep. 30, 1392.] Grant from the same to the same of the estates above-named, by the licence of King Richard, of Prince John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster, and of the reverend lord, the lord John of Beaumont[2] to the Mayor and community of Leicester. Of these estates one messuage lies in the Swinesmarket of Leicester, between the tenement of Adam Cook and the lord's mill, and one lies outside the North Gate between the land of the Abbot of Leicester and the tenement of John Ball. And three cottages lie together in the parish of St Nicholas next the Common Hall. And two shops lie in the high street, whereof one lies between the South Gate and the way which leads to the Saturday Market. And the other shop lies in the high street between the vacant plot of John of Norton and the vacant plot of John Cook. And one cottage lies in Belgravegate between the tenement of Henry Plasterer and the tenement of John Molle. And two cottages lie together in Sanveygate (Senueygate) between the croft of the sacrist and canons of the church of the blessed Mary of the Castle of Leicester and the croft of Roger Frisby. One toft is in the North Gate lying between the tenement of John Couper and the tenement of Ric. Ernesby; 3*s.* 4*d.* yearly of rent issuing from a messuage late Will. Milner's and it lies outside the North Gate next the tenement of the Master of the Hospital of St Leonard ; 2*s.* yearly of rent and the rent of 1 cock and 2 hens issuing from a plot of land late Ric. Swepston's lying in the North Gate between the tenement of the said Richard and the tenement of

[1] A sixteenth century copy is in the Locked Book f. 8.

[2] On the Baron's fee at Whetstone see Curtis, *Topog. Hist. of Leicestershire.*

the Abbot of Leicester; 2*s.* yearly issuing from a plot of land outside the North Gate in the parish of All Saints which late was Will. of Swepston's, lying between the tenement late Roger of Beeby's and the tenement of Will. Edelyn; 8*s.* yearly of rent issuing from the tenement of John Smith next the West Gate; 18*d.* yearly of rent issuing from two pieces of land lying outside the North Gate in Walkercrofts, whereof one lies between the town-ditch and the common footpath and abuts on the land of Tho. Poutrell, and another piece of land lying next the land late Will. Baudewyn's; 12*d.* yearly issuing from a chamber over the East Gate of Leicester; 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly issuing from the land and tenement of Will. Seyton chaplain, in Great Glen; 6 messuages, 10 cottages, 6 virgates, 9 acres of (arable) land, 6 acres and 1 rood of meadow, 13*d.* 0½*d.* yearly of rent in Whetstone, which late were John the Receiver's of Leicester, with the villains and their offspring, begotten and to be begotten. Also the reversion of a messuage in the high street which Margaret who was the wife of Roger of Beeby holds for her life; also the reversion of a messuage and a croft outside the North Gate which the said Margaret holds for her life. Also the reversion of two shops which John Weston, chaplain, holds for the term of his life.

Witnesses: Thomas Walsh then Steward of Leicester, Sir Will. Chusulden clerk, Will. Danet, Tho. Maundeville, Rob. Langham and others. At Leicester the last day of September 16 Ric. II.

[Two seals. 1. An interesting seal of the class called love-seals. See facsimile. Containing the legend "Here : loue : that : loue : unite." Form, circular. Size, 21·5 mm. Wax, brown. 2. Under a double canopy two standing figures, to left a female draped and qu. crowned, to right an ecclesiastic (? St Thomas) mitred and holding an archiepiscopal cross in his left hand. At base within a niche the bust of a kneeling figure. The canopy and niche interrupt the circular inscription enclosing the seal between lines: Thomas : est : nomen : eius. Form, circular. Size, 23 mm. Wax, brown.]

CLI. *Plea of Trespass within the Verge.*

Box 19, No. 232, V.B. No. 24. [Feb. 6, 1396.] Placita aule hospicii domini Regis tenta apud Loughtteburgh coram Senescallo et Marescallo hospicii sui die mercurii proxima post festum purificacionis beate Marie anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum decimo nono.

Pet. Cook attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Johanni Hedon de placito transgressionis infra virgam. Et vnde idem Joh. queritur

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Pleas of the Hall of the Lord King's Household held at Loughborough before the Steward and Marshal of his Household on Wednesday next after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 19 Ric. II.

Peter Cook was attached to answer John Hedon for a plea of trespass within the verge. And hereon the said John complains that the said Peter

quod predictus Pet. die in festo S. Michaelis anno r.r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum xix apud Leycestriam infra virgam vi et armis in ipsum Johannem insultum fecit verberauit et wlnerauit et male tractauit per quod ipse Joh. de vita sua desperabat et ipsum Joh. insidiabat ad occidend' per quod ipse non audebat apropinquare liberum tenementum suum per octo dies sequentes, et alia enormia eidem intulit ad graue dampnum ipsuis Johannis c*li.*, et contra pacem domini Ricardi et cetera. Et predictus Pet. presens in curia defendit vim et iniuriam quando et cetera: et dicit quod non intendit quod curia ista velit habere cognicionem istius placiti, quia dicit quod uilla de Leycestria est extra virgam de Notyngham vbi dominus Rex et familia sua existunt et petit iudicium etc. Et predictus Joh. dicit quod predicta villa est infra virgam de Notyngham videlicet infra xii leucas et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam et predictus Pet. similiter. Et super hoc data est dies eisdem partibus die veneris proxima sequente. Et preceptum est Marescallo quod venire faciat coram Senescallo et Marescallo xii liberos et legales homines de visineto interim Notyngham et Leycestre per quos etc.

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on Michaelmas Day in the nineteenth year of the reign of King Richard the second after the Conquest at Leicester within the verge by force and arms assaulted the said John, flogged, wounded and maltreated him, wherefore the said John despaired of his life, and he waylaid the said John to kill him, so that he durst not approach his free tenement for eight days following, and other injuries he did to him to the great damage of the said John of £100, and against the peace of the lord Richard et cetera. And the aforesaid Peter present in court defends the force and injury when et cetera[1]; and he says that he does not understand that this court will have cognizance of this plea, because he says that the town of Leicester is outside the verge of Nottingham where the lord King and his household are, and he seeks judgment etc. And the aforesaid John says that the aforesaid town is within the verge of Nottingham to wit within twelve miles[2], and this he seeks to have enquired into by the country[3], and the aforesaid Peter likewise. And for this a day is given to the said parties, Friday next following. And the Marshal is ordered to cause to come before the Steward and Marshal in the meantime twelve free and lawful men of the neighbourhood of Nottingham

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[1] I.e. when and where he ought.

[2] Cf. *Cath. Ang.* mile = luca. Within twelve miles of the royal household the Lord Steward of the Household had jurisdiction.

[3] I.e. by jury.

et qui nec etc. contra eundem diem. Ad quem diem partes predicte venerunt in propriis personis suis similiter et Iuratores venerunt, viz. Rog. Poutrell de Cootes, Joh. Russel de eadem, Joh. Dawe de eadem, Will. Jordan de Burton, Tho. Warde [de] Wymondeswold, Joh. Reynold de Mountsorell, Will. Reynold de eadem, Joh. Steuenson de eadem, Tho. Hutte de Loughtteburgh, Will. Burbache de Thorp, Will. Okouere de Stanforde, et Joh. Alen de Leyke, qui per marescallum retornati et ex assensu parcium predictarum electi, triati et iurati, dicunt per sacramentum suum quod villa de Leycestria distat a villa de Notyngham quacumque via data per xv leucas et sic extra virgam. Ideo consideratum est per curiam quod predictus Joh. nichil capiat per billam suam, salvo semper iure regis.

Tempore Thome Percy senescalli hospicii domini Regis (Thome Lyes maioris ville Leycestrie[1]).

[Fine seal in red wax bearing the legend: Sigillum officii marescalcie hospicii domini Regis. See facsimile.]

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and Leicester by whom etc. and who neither etc.[2] by the said day. On which day the parties aforesaid came in their own persons and likewise the jurors came, viz. Rog. Poutrell of Coates, John Russel of the same, John Dawe of the same, Will. Jordan of Burton, Tho. Warde of Wymeswold, John Reynold of Mountsorrel, Will. Reynold of the same, John Stevenson of the same, Tho. Hutte of Loughborough, Will. Burbach of Thorpe, Will. Okover of Stanford and John Allen of Leake, who, being returned by the Marshal, and by consent of the parties aforesaid chosen, tried and sworn, say on their oath that the town of Leicester is distant from the town of Nottingham, whichever way be given, fifteen miles[3], and so is outside the verge. Therefore it is considered by the court that the aforesaid John shall take nothing by his bill, saving always the right of the King.

[In the time of Thomas Percy, Steward of the Household of the lord King, and of Thomas Lyes, Mayor of the town of Leicester.]

CLII. *Acknowledgement of Gild Fine.*

V. B. No. 83. [Feb. 15, 1398.] John Cambridge, cutler, came into court (Feb. 15, 21 Ric. II.), and for a trespass done to the Mayor and community made his oath again and entered the gild merchant. And hereupon he recognized himself to be bound to the said Mayor and community in 100*s.* if he offend again.

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[1] In the V. B. copy only.

[2] By whom the truth of the matter may be the better known and who are connected by no relationship with (the parties named).

[3] About twenty-seven miles of our reckoning.

CLIII. *Loan to the King acknowledged.*

Box 19, No. 235. [Feb. 20, 1398.] Ricardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum dilecti nobis maior et probi homines ville Leycestrie centum marcas sterlingorum nobis gratis et sponte mutuauerint, nos pro securitate ipsorum maioris et proborum hominum, ac pro solucione eiusdem summe, fatemur nos eisdem maiori et probis hominibus in centum marcis predictis teneri firmiter per presentes, quas eis solvere in quindena S. Michaelis proxima futura promittimus bona fide. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xx die Februarii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo.

Per billam Thesaurarii. GANDEBY.

[Portion of the great seal in yellow wax.]

CLIV. *Order from the Steward to allow an Easement in the Soar.*

Box 12, No. 237. [Jan. 9, 1399.] John Cokayn chief Senescal mon tresexcellent sire le Duc de Lancastre es parties de North Trent al Senescal del honour de Leycestre ou a son lieutenant illeosques salutz. Come les burges & tenantz de la ville de Leycestre soloient auer

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Richard by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to all those to whom the present letters shall come greeting. Know that whereas our well-beloved Mayor and the honest men of the town of Leicester have lent us 100 marks sterling freely and voluntarily, we acknowledge for the security of the said Mayor and honest men and for the payment of the said sum that we are bound to the said Mayor and honest men in the aforesaid 100 marks firmly by these presents, which we promise in good faith to pay them in the quindene of St Michael next ensuing. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster, on the 20th day of February in the 21st year of our reign.

By Treasury bill. GANDEBY.

John Cockayn chief Steward of my very good lord the Duke of Lancaster for the parts north of the Trent to the Steward of the honour of Leicester or to his lieutenant there greeting. Whereas the burgesses and tenants of the town of Leicester were wont to have easement[1] from old time to put their hides

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[1] "The right or privilege of using something not one's own." N. E. D.

dauncien temps eisement pur mettre lour quieres & pellutz lanutz en la ewe de Sore a le pount appell Westbrugge iesques a le Northbrugge sance nuisance ou greuance & sance estre ent †estre† amerciez ou destreintz, et pur ceo que mesme la matir est termine deuant le counseil mon dit Sire que les ditz burges & tenantz eient lour eisement auant dit deins la dit lieu del ewe: vous charge de part mon dit Sire que de ceo en auant suffrez les ditz burges & tenantz auer lour eisement auantdit deins la dit ewe & lieux auantditz en manere come eux le vsent a present sance ent estre molestes, greuez ou amerciez taunque vous auez autre en maundement. Et ceo ne lessez en null manere. Escript a Leycestre le ix iour de Ianuar lan du regne le Roi Richard second puis le conqueste XXIIe.

[Seal. A cock surrounded by an inscription within a beaded line: En bo[n ...]. Form: circular. Size: 12 mm. Wax: red.]

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and wool-fells in the water of the Soar at the bridge which is called West Bridge up to the North Bridge without nuisance or grievance and without being amerced or distrained for the same, and whereas the said matter has been settled before the Council of my said lord that the said burgesses and tenants may have their easement aforesaid in the said part of the water: I charge you on behalf of my said lord that from henceforth you suffer the said burgesses and tenants to have their easement aforesaid in the said water and places aforesaid, in the way they use it at present, without being molested, aggrieved or amerced in the same until you receive other order for the same. And do not neglect this in any way. Written at Leicester the 9th day of January in the 22nd year of the reign of King Richard the second since the Conquest.

CLV. *Conveyance of land to the Borough.*

Box 12, No. 240. [Jan. 31, 1399.] Release and quitclaim from John of Weston, chaplain, to the Mayor and community of Leicester of all his right in two cottages[1] lying together in the parish of All Saints between the tenement of the Abbot of Leicester on the South and that of Thomas Wynchecoumbe on the North, stretching from the King's highway to the land of John of Burton. Witnesses: Roger of Humberston Mayor, Will. Bispham bailiff, Ric. of Knighton, Ric. of Gamston, Tho. Wakefield, John London, Will. Asfordby, Tho. of Walton, Tho. Glover and others.

[Seal. Draped figure to the right kneeling before a Virgin and Child standing to the left. The field diapered. Within a beaded border the inscription V̄GO . . + GRA . . Form: oval. Size: 21 × 17 mm. Wax: red.]

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[1] See pp. 206–7, and 224.

CLVI. *Charter of Henry IV. reciting the grant of Richard II. to John of Gaunt.*

Box 19, Nos. 242, 243. [May 12, 1400.] Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie & Francie & dominus Hibernie vniuersis et singulis iusticiariis, vicecomitibus, escaetoribus, coronatoribus, senescallis, maioribus, balliuis, ministris et omnibus aliis fidelibus suis salutem. Cum dominus Ricardus nuper Rex Anglie secundus post conquestum per cartam suam concesserit carissimo domino et patri nostro Johanni nuper duci Aquitannie & Lancastrie quod ipse ad totam vitam suam haberet omnes fines pro transgressione et aliis malefactis quibuscumque, ac eciam fines pro licencia concordandi, et omnimodos alios fines, redempciones et amerciamenta ex quacumque causa & per quamcumque causam provenientes, necnon exitus forisfactos de omnibus hominibus & tenentibus de et in terris & feodis predicti ducis & de omnibus infra terras & feoda residentibus, quamquam iidem homines, tenentes seu residentes ministri ipsius nuper Regis vel heredum suorum existerent: Et quod idem dux ad totam vitam suam haberet quascumque forisfacturas, annum, diem, vastum et estreppamentum & quicquid ad ipsum nuper Regem vel heredes suos pertinere posset de anno, die, vasto et estreppamento, forisfacturis & murdris infra terras & feoda predicta in quibuscumque curiis suis et heredum suorum, siue in quacumque curia alterius contingeret quod predicti homines, tenentes

[1] Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to all and singular the Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, Coroners, Stewards, Mayors, Bailiffs, Ministers and all other his faithful men greeting. Whereas the lord Richard late King of England the second after the Conquest by his charter granted to our dearest lord and father John late Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster that for his whole life he should have all fines for trespass and other misdeeds whatsoever, and also fines for licence to agree and all manner of other fines, ransoms and amercements arising from whatsoever cause and by whatsoever cause, and also the forfeited issues of all the men and tenants of and in the lands and fees of the aforesaid Duke and from all men dwelling within the lands and fees, even though the said men, tenants or residents were ministers of the said late King or his heirs: and that the said Duke should have for his whole life whatsoever forfeitures, year, day, waste and estrepment and whatever might pertain to the said late King or his heirs of year, day, waste and estrepment, forfeitures and murder-fines within the aforesaid lands and fees in any of the courts of himself and his heirs, or if in any court of any other in which it should happen that the aforesaid men,

[1] This charter is not in Hardy's *Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster.*

seu residentes facerent fines vel essent amerciati vel exitus forisfacerent seu quod predicta annus, dies, vastum et estreppamentum, forisfactura vel murdrum adiudicata essent, tam in presencia ipsius nuper Regis & heredum suorum quam in absencia sua & heredum suorum, & tam coram ipso et heredibus suis & in Cancellaria sua et heredum suorum, ac coram Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario suo & heredum suorum, & coram Justiciariis suis et heredum suorum de communi banco, necnon coram senescallo & marescallo seu coronatore hospicii sui & heredum suorum, vel clerico mercati qui pro tempore essent, & in aliis curiis suis & heredum suorum, quam coram Justiciariis suis itinerantibus ad communia placita & ad placita foreste, Justiciariis ad assisas capiendas & gaolas diliberandas, ac coram quibuscumque aliis Justiciariis & ministris suis & heredum suorum, tam in presencia sua & heredum suorum quam in absencia sua & heredum suorum, adeo plene et integre sicut prefatus nuper Rex vel heredes sui ea haberent, si ipse illa prefato duci non concessisset: Ita quod predictus dux per manus balliuorum & aliorum ministrorum suorum leuare, percipere et habere posset fines, redempciones & amerciamenta ipsorum hominum, tenencium & residencium, de et in terris & feodis predictis, exitus forisfactos & quicquid ad ipsum nuper Regem vel heredes suos pertinere posset de anno, die, vasto et estreppamento, forisfacturis & murdris de & in terris & feodis predictis, que coram

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tenants or residents should make fines or be amerced or should forfeit issues, or that the aforesaid year, day, waste and estrepment, forfeiture or murder-fine should be adjudged, both in the presence of the said late King and his heirs and in the absence of himself and his heirs, and both before himself and his heirs and in the Chancery of himself and his heirs, and before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer of himself and his heirs, and before the Justices of himself and his heirs of the Common Bench, and also before the Steward and Marshal or Coroner of the Household of himself and his heirs, or the Clerk of the Market for the time being, and in the other courts of himself and his heirs, as before his Justices Itinerant for Common Pleas and for the pleas of the Forest, Justices to take assizes and deliver gaols, and before all other Justices and ministers of himself and his heirs both in the presence of himself and his heirs and in the absence of himself and his heirs, as fully and entirely as the aforesaid late King or his heirs would have had them if the said King had not given the same to the aforesaid Duke: So that the aforesaid Duke by the hands of the bailiffs and other his ministers might levy, receive and have fines, ransoms and amercements of the said men, tenants and residents of and in the lands and fees aforesaid, forfeited issues and whatever might belong to the said late King or his heirs of year, day, waste and estrepment, forfeitures and murder-fines of and in the lands and fees aforesaid which might chance to be

dictis Justiciariis itinerantibus ad communia placita & ad placita foreste, ac coram predictis senescallo et marescallo, coronatore vel clerico mercati fieri seu adiudicari contingeret, per extractas eorundem Justiciariorum intinerancium in itineribus suis ac predictorum senescalli & marescalli, coronatoris & clerici in sessionibus suis, balliuis & ministris predicti ducis inde liberandas, ac eciam fines, redempciones et amerciamenta de hominibus, tenentibus et residentibus predictis ac exitus forisfactos & omnia que ad ipsum nuper Regem vel heredes suos pertinere possent de anno, die, vasto et estreppamento, forisfacturis et murdris, de & in terris & feodis predictis, que coram ipso nuper Rege vel heredibus suis vel in cancellaria sua & heredum suorum, seu coram Thesaurario & Baronibus de scaccario suo & heredum suorum, vel coram Justiciariis suis & heredum suorum de communi banco, siue coram Justiciariis ad assisas capiendas & gaolas deliberandas, aut Justiciariis ad transgressiones et felonias audiendas et terminandas assignatis, seu coram aliis Justiciariis vel ministris suis quibuscumque & heredum suorum fieri vel adiudicari contingeret, per extractas de scaccario suo et heredum suorum balliuis et ministris prefati ducis per manus vicecomitum in quorum balliuis dicta terre et feoda existerent inde liberandas, sine occasione vel impedimento ipsius nuper Regis vel heredum suorum, Justiciariorum, vicecomitum, escaetorum aut aliorum ministrorum suorum et

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made or adjudged before the said Justices Itinerant for common pleas and for pleas of the Forest and before the aforesaid Steward and Marshal, Coroner or Clerk of the Market by estreats of the said Justices Itinerant in their eyres and of the aforesaid Steward and Marshal, Coroner and Clerk in their sessions, to be delivered hereon to the bailiffs and ministers of the said Duke, and also the fines, ransoms and amercements from the men, tenants and residents aforesaid, and the forfeited issues and all things which might belong to the said late King or his heirs of year, day, waste and estrepment, forfeitures and murder-fines of and in the lands and fees aforesaid, which might chance to be made or adjudged before the said late King or his heirs, or in the Chancery of himself and his heirs, or before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer of himself and his heirs, or before the Justices of himself and his heirs of the Common Bench, or before the Justices assigned to take assizes and deliver gaols, or the Justices assigned to hear and determine trespasses and felonies, or before any other Justices or ministers of himself and his heirs whomsoever, by estreats hereon to be delivered from the Exchequer of himself and his heirs to the bailiffs and ministers of the aforesaid Duke by the hands of the Sheriffs in whose bailiwicks the said lands and fees might lie, without let or hindrance of the said late King or his heirs, the Justices, Sheriffs, escheators, or other

heredum suorum quorumcumque: Et quod predictus dux ad totam vitam suam per se et ministros suos in omnibus terris et feodis predictis, tam in presencia ipsius nuper Regis et heredum suorum, quam in absencia sua et heredum suorum, faceret et haberet assaiam et assisam panis, vini & cervisie & omnimodorum aliorum victualium quorumcumque ac aliorum ad officium clerici de mercato ipsius nuper Regis & heredum suorum pertinencium, cum punicione eorundem quociens et quando expediens foret et necesse, ac eciam haberet & perciperet fines, amerciamenta & redempciones ac omnimoda proficua inde proueniencia: Ita quod clericus mercati ipsius nuper Regis & heredum suorum non ingrederetur dicta terras vel feoda pro aliquibus ad officium suum pertinentibus faciendis seu exercendis: Et quod predictus dux ad totam vitam suam haberet catalla fugitivorum & felonum, tam felonum de se quam aliorum quorumcumque ac vtlagatorum ex quacumque causa, omnium hominum et tenencium de et in terris et feodis predictis, necnon omnium residencium infra eadem terras et feoda, quamquam iidem homines, tenentes aut residentes ministri ipsius nuper Regis vel heredum suorum existerent: Ita quod si aliquis hominum et tenencium de & in terris et feodis predictis seu aliquis residencium in dictis terris & feodis aut aliquis alius in eisdem terris & feodis pro aliquo suo malefacto quocumque deberet vitam vel membrum amittere vel fugeret & iudicio stare nollet, aut aliquam aliam

ministers whomsoever of himself and his heirs: And that the aforesaid Duke for his whole life should make and have, by himself and his ministers, in all the lands and fees aforesaid, both in the presence of the said late King and his heirs and in the absence of himself and his heirs, the assay and assize of bread, wine and beer, and of all manner of victuals whatsoever and of other things pertaining to the office of the Clerk of the Market of the said late King and his heirs, with the punishment of the same when and as often as it may be expedient and necessary, and that he should also have and receive fines, amercements and ransoms and all manner profits thence proceeding: So that the Clerk of the Market of the said late King and his heirs should not enter the said lands or fees to do or exercise anything pertaining to his office: And that the aforesaid Duke should have for his whole life chattels of fugitives and felons, both of suicides as of all others whomsoever, and of outlaws for whatever cause, of all the men and tenants of and in the lands and fees aforesaid and also of all the residents within the said lands and fees, even though the said men, tenants or residents were ministers of the said late King or his heirs: So that if any of the men and tenants of and in the lands and fees aforesaid, or any of the residents in the said lands and fees or any other in the said lands and fees, for any misdeed of his whatever should lose life or member, or should flee and refuse to stand to judgment or should do any other trespass

transgressionem faceret pro qua ipse deberet perdere catalla sua, in quo[cunque] loco iusticia de eo fieri deberet siue in curia ipsius nuper Regis & heredum suorum vel in aliis curiis, catalla illa essent predicti ducis: Et quod liceret ei seu ministris suis ponere se in seisinam dictorum catallorum & eadem catalla ad opus prefati ducis retinere, sine occasione vel impedimento ipsius nuper Regis vel heredum suorum, vicecomitum, escaetorum aut aliorum balliuorum seu ministrorum suorum & heredum suorum quorumcumque: Et quod prefatus dux ad totam vitam suam haberet retorna omnium breuium ipsius nuper Regis & heredum suorum, necnon summonicionum, extractarum & preceptorum de scaccario suo & de scaccario heredum suorum, ac extractarum & preceptorum Justiciariorum prefati nuper Regis & heredum suorum, itinerancium tam ad placita foreste quam ad communia placita, ac aliorum Justiciariorum quorumcumque, necnon attachiamenta tam de placitis corone quam aliorum in omnibus terris et feodis predictis: Et quod predictus dux ad totam vitam suam per se & per balliuos et ministros suos haberet in eisdem terris & feodis execucionem eorundem breuium, summonicionum, extractarum & preceptorum: Ita quod nullus vicecomes, balliuus aut alius minister ipsius nuper Regis vel heredum suorum predicta terras et feoda ingrederetur pro aliquo officio vel aliqua re officium suum tangente faciendo, nisi in defectu ipsius ducis vel ministrorum suorum: Ac

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for which he ought to lose his chattels, in whatever place justice ought to be done on him, whether in the court of the said late King and of his heirs or in other courts, the said chattels should belong to the said Duke: And that it should be lawful for him or his ministers to put himself in seisin of the said chattels and to keep the said chattels for the use of the aforesaid Duke without let or hindrance of the said late King or of his heirs, of the Sheriffs, escheators or other bailiffs or ministers of himself and his heirs whomsoever: And that the aforesaid Duke for his whole life should have return of all writs of the said late King and his heirs and also of summonses, estreats, and precepts of his Exchequer and of the Exchequer of his heirs, and estreats and precepts of the Justices of the aforesaid late King and his heirs, itinerant both for pleas of the Forest and for Common Pleas, and of all other Justices whomsoever, and also attachments both for pleas of the crown and of other things in all the lands and fees aforesaid: And that the aforesaid Duke for his whole life, by himself and by his bailiffs and ministers, should have in the said lands and fees execution of the said writs, summonses, estreats and precepts: So that no Sheriff, bailiff, or other minister of the said late King or his heirs might enter the aforesaid lands and fees for carrying out any office or any matter touching his office, except in default of the said Duke or his ministers: And

insuper idem nuper Rex per eandem cartam suam concesserit pro se et dictis heredibus suis quod si vicecomites vel balliui libertatum hundredorum seu wapentachiorum in aliquibus execucionibus pro predicto duce per breuia seu mandata predicti nuper Regis vel heredum suorum vel aliquo alio modo faciendis negligentes essent vel remissi, per quod contingeret ipsos amerciari aut fines facere in scaccario vel in aliis curiis suis & heredum suorum, huiusmodi fines & amerciamenta essent prefati ducis, & quod leuarentur ad opus ipsius ducis per ministros suos supradictos durante vita sua: Et quod predictus dux ad totam vitam suam haberet infra omnia predicta terras et feoda omnimoda catalla, vocata wayf et stray, deodanda, thesaurum inuentum, ac alias res vel catalla inuenta, & quod ipse per se & ministros suos seisire & capere posset ad voluntatem suam ad opus predicti ducis wayfs et strayes, deodanda, thesaurum inuentum, ac alia inuenta supradicta: Et quod predictus dux ad totam vitam suam haberet quecumque bona et catalla vocata manuopera, capta vel capienda cum quacumque persona infra terras & feoda predicta ac per eandem personam coram quocumque iudice deaduocata: Ac nos ex certa sciencia nostra de assensu vltimi parliamenti nostri per cartam nostram concesserimus, declarauerimus et ordinauerimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod tam in ducatu nostro Lancastrie quam in vniuersis et singulis aliis comitatibus, honoribus, castris,

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further the said late King by this his said charter granted for himself and his said heirs that if the Sheriffs or bailiffs of the liberties, hundreds or wapentakes should be negligent or remiss in making any executions for the aforesaid Duke by writs, or mandates, of the aforesaid late King or his heirs or in any other way, by which it should happen that they should be amerced or make fines in the Exchequer or in the other courts of himself and his heirs, such fines and amercements should belong to the aforesaid Duke and should be levied for the use of the said Duke by his ministers abovesaid during his life: And that the aforesaid Duke for his whole life should have within all the aforesaid lands and fees all sorts of chattels called waif and stray, deodands, treasure-trove, and other things or chattels found, and that he by himself and his ministers might seize and take at their will for the use of the aforesaid Duke waifs and strays, deodands, treasure-trove and other things found aforesaid: And that the aforesaid Duke for his whole life should have all manner of goods and chattels called mainour, taken or to be taken with any person within the lands and fees aforesaid and disavowed by the said person before any judge: And whereas we from our certain knowledge, by the assent of our last parliament, by our charter have granted, declared and ordained for us and our heirs that both in our duchy of Lancaster and in all and singular the other counties, honours, castles, manors, fees, possessions and demesnes descended

maneriis, feodis, possessionibus & dominiis nobis ante adepcionem dignitatis nostre regie qualitercumque & vbicumque iure hereditario in dominico seruicio vel reuersione seu alias qualitercumque descensis, talia & huiusmodi libertates, iura regalia, consuetudines & franchesie in omnibus et per omnia imperpetuum habeantur, exerceantur, continuentur, fiant & vtantur, et per tales officiarios et ministros, gubernentur et exequantur que et qualia, & per quales officiarios & ministros tam tempore dicti domini & patris nostri quam temporibus aliorum progenitorum & antecessorum nostrorum in eisdem ducatu, comitatu, honoribus, castris, maneriis, feodis, et aliis possessionibus & dominicis predictis vti, continuari et haberi ac regi & gubernari consueuerunt, virtute cartarum inde confectarum, prout in cartis predictis plenius continetur: Vobis mandamus quod libertates, consuetudines & franchesias predictas in locis predictis vti, continuari & haberi permittatis iuxta tenorem cartarum predictarum. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium XII die Maii anno regni nostri primo.

WAKER[ING].

[Both charters with a fragment of the great seal in brown wax appendant by parchment tag.]

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to us before the acquisition of our royal dignity in any way and wheresoever by hereditary right, in demesne, service or reversion, or otherwise howsoever, so many and such liberties, royal rights, customs and franchises in all and by all for ever shall be had, exercised and continued, done and used, by such officers and ministers, and the same and the like governed and executed and by such officers and ministers as both in the time of the said lord and our father and in the times of others our forefathers and ancestors in the said duchy, county, honours, castles, manors, fees and other possessions and demesnes aforesaid were wont to be used, continued and had and ruled and governed, by virtue of the charters thereof made, in such wise as in the aforesaid charters is more fully contained: We command you to allow the liberties and customs and franchises aforesaid to be used, continued and had in the places aforesaid according to the tenour of the charters aforesaid. Witness myself at Westminster on the 12th day of May in the first year of our reign.

WAKER[ING].

CLVII. *Recognizance of Debt*[1].

V.B. No. 67. [Jan. 12, 1404?] Fait a remembrer qe le XII iour de Janvier lan de Roy Henri v^e^ Willelme Baly de Belgrave, Walt. Bache de Burstal et Ric. Godeffelaw de Cosyngton vignent deuant John Churche adunkes maire de Leicestre et conuserent appaier a Willelme Nicholl de Braunston xl*s*. deyns le dite iour et le fest de Seynt Michel prochain venaunt.

CLVIII. *Lease of the farm of the Borough from Henry IV.*

Box A. No. 254. [Feb. 23, 1404.] Ceste endenture faite parentre le trespuissant prince Henri par la grace de dieu Roy Dengleterre et de Fraunce et Seignur Dirland dune parte et les Meir, burgeys & cominaltee de la ville de Leycestre dautre parte, tesmoigne que le dit Roy ad graunte & a ferme lesse as ditz Meir, burgeys & cominaltee & a lour successours la bailliue de dicte ville & des suburbes dicell oue toutz maners des execucions deinz icell affaire par lour baillifs par eux deputez[2] sibien de briefs nostre dit sire le Roy[3] come des autres execucions queconqes deinz les dictes ville et suburbes, ensemblement ou toutz maner profitz des portmotes, courtes de la faire & de marche des ditz ville & suburbes & des autres courtes

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Be it had in mind that on the 12th day of January in the 5th year of King Henry (? IV.) Will. Baly of Belgrave, Walt. Bache of Birstall and Ric. Goodfellow of Cossington came before John Church then Mayor of Leicester and bound themselves to pay Will. Nicholl of Braunston 40*s*. between the said day and the feast of St Michael next following.

This indenture made between the most puissant prince Henry, by the grace of God King of England and of France and lord of Ireland, of the one part, and the Mayor, burgesses and commonalty of the town of Leicester of the other part, witnesses that the said King has granted and let to farm to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and their successors the bailiwick of the said town and of the suburbs of the same with all manner of executions in the same to be made by their bailiffs deputed by them, both of writs of our said lord the King and of all other executions whatsoever in the said town and suburbs, together with all manner of profits of Portmoots, Courts of the Fair and Market of the said town and suburbs and of all other courts what-

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[1] As the Hall Books are full of these the earliest example is given as a specimen.

[2] No. CLXVIII. (Queen Katherine's lease, see below) adds "ou a †deputers†."

[3] The same adds "et precepts."

queconqes deinz mesmes les ville & suburbes par eux ou lour deputez a tenir, oue toutz maners des rentes, fermes & profitz deinz les ditez ville et suburbes oue chateux de futifs et de felons[1], wayf et straye, fines et amerciementes queconques[2] faitz deuaunt eux ou lour deputez en les dites ville et suburbes*, et ensement nostre dit sire le Roy ad graunte as ditz Meir, burgeys et cominaltee et a lour successours la garde de toutz maners de prisons prisez en la dicte ville et les suburbes dicell, si bien pur felonie come pur[3] trespas agarder solons le ley et come auant ces heures atteint as bailiffs nostre sire le Roy auauntdit, forsprises les rentez et fermes des fornes, des molyns et de leawe et les rentes[4] que sont leuablez par le porter de chastell come auaunt ces heures soloient estre leuez et sauaunt au nostre dit sire le Roy et a cez heirs[5] eschetes des franks tenementz et sa court a tenir en la Chastell de Leycestre de troys semaignes en troys semaignes, attachementz et destresses et touz maners execuciones en la dicte courte adiuggers parmy toutz les ditz ville et suburbes par le porter du dit Chastell †aleuers† et affaire; et auxint sauant et reseruant[6] a nostre dit sire le Roy les profitz des tournes del chief Seneschal illoeques et les forfaitures[7] des deodandes, lan, iour et wast[8] [et outre ceo toutz

soever within the said town and suburbs to be held by them or their deputies, with all manner of rents, farms and profits within the said town and suburbs, with chattels of fugitives and felons, waif and stray, fines and all amercements whatsoever made before them or their deputies in the said town and suburbs, and further our said lord the King has granted to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and their successors, the keeping of all manner of prisoners taken in the said town and the suburbs of the same, as well for felony as for trespass, to keep them according to the law and as afore this time belonged to the bailiffs of our lord the King aforesaid, except the rents and farms of ovens, mills and water and the rents which are leviable by the porter of the Castle as they were wont afore this time to be levied, and saving to our said lord the King and his heirs the escheats of free tenements, and his court to be held in the Castle of Leicester from three weeks to three weeks, the attachments and distresses and all manner of executions to be adjudged in the said court, throughout all the said town and suburbs, to be levied and done by the porter of the said Castle; and also saving and reserving to our said lord the King the profits of the tourns of the chief Steward there and the forfeits of deodands,

[1] No. CLXVIII. adds "utlagez."
[2] The same adds "faitz ou affaire."
[3] The same inserts "dette et."
[4] The same writes for rentes "autres."
[5] The same omits throughout the clauses concerning the heirs.
[6] Et reservant omitted in CLXVIII.
[7] For forfaitures, "profites" in the same.
[8] Guast in the same.

maners forfaitures, waifs et straies chescun de eux passant la value de dys liures pour vn soul cause pour forfaiture adiuggez[1] a auoir et tenir as ditz Mair, burgeys et cominaltee et a lour successours toutz les choses[2] et profitz suisditz del fest de Seint Michell darrein passe tanque al fyn de vynt[3] ans lors proschein ensuantz, forsprises[4] les forsprisez auaunt nomez [et sauuez[1]]: Rendant ent par an a nostre dit sire le Roy et a ses heirs par les mains de soun Receiuour de Leycestre qui pur le temps serra quatre vyntz [et dys[1]] liures de bone monee as festes de la purificacion de nostre dame, Pentecost et de Seint Michell par ouelles porcions

And as concerning the fine for arrears in like terms to John of Gaunt's lease No. CXIV., p. 151 "issint que" to "serra aderere" p. 152.

durant le terme avantdit.

[Purveu toutz foitz que les ditz Meir, burgeys et cominaltee aueront allouance en le paiement de lour ferme pour cest present an de tout ceo que les ministres nostre dit sire le Roy ont leuez apres le fest de Seint Michell al oeps nostre dit sire le Roy des fermes, rentes ou autres profitz queux sont parcell del dit ferme deinz mesme la ville ou suburbes dicell tanqal iour de fesance de ceste endenture[1].] Et nostre dit sire le Roy graunte pour luy et ses heires as ditz Meir, burgeys et cominaltee & lour successours qils aueront sufficiante

year, day and waste, and besides this all manner of forfeitures, waifs and strays from them over the value of £10 for a single cause for forfeiture adjudged, to have and to hold to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and their successors all the matters and profits abovesaid from the feast of St Michael last past until the end of twenty years then next ensuing, excepting and saving[4] the exceptions abovenamed: Rendering thence yearly to our said lord the King and to his heirs by the hands of his Receiver of Leicester for the time being £90 of good money at the feasts of the Purification of Our Lady, Whitsuntide and Michaelmas by equal portions (and as above) during the term aforesaid. Provided always that the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty shall have allowance in the payment of their farm for this present year for all that which the ministers of our said lord the King have levied since the feast of St Michael to the use of our said lord the King from the farms, rents or other profits which are parcel of the said farm in the said town or suburbs of the same until the day of the making of this indented writing. And our said lord the King grants for himself and his heirs to the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty and their successors, that they shall have sufficient timber in

[1] The clause in brackets is omitted in CLXVIII.

[2] Les forfaitures, rentes et autres choses in CLXVIII.

[3] Dys in CLXVIII.

[4] "Et reservez" in the same.

maeresme deinz le boys nostre dit sire le Roy [de Leycestre[1]] par la surveue et assignement del maister Forester ou son lieutenant illoeques pour reparailler, susteigner et amender les measons, shopes et shameles nostre dit sire le Roy[2] qui sount parcelle de lour ferme, destre arentez al profit des ditz Meir, burgeys & cominalte pour le terme des ditz vynt ans[3] & apres al profit nostre dit sire le Roy et ses heirs*.

Election of two bailiffs and promise of their livery as in CXIV. p. 152.

Et ensement supporteront toutz autres charges a mesme la ville & suburbes incumbentz durant le dit terme et au fyne de mesme le terme les ditz measons, shopes & shameles au dit Roy & ses heirs suisrenderent & lesseront come ils resceurent. En tesmoignance de quelle chose a lune partie de cest endenture demeurrant deuers les ditz Meir, burgeys et cominaltee nostre dit sire le Roy ad fait mettre soun seal de soun duchee de Lancastre et a lautre partie de mesme lendenture demeurant deuers nostre dit sire le Roy les ditz Meir, burgeys et cominaltee ount mys lour commune seal. Doun' a Westmonastre le XXIII iour de Feuerer lan du regne nostre dit sire le Roy quint.

[Duchy seal, see facsimile, in red wax, appendant by parchment tag.]

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the wood of our said lord the King at Leicester by the surveyance and assignment of the Master Forester or his lieutenant there, to repair, maintain and better the houses, shops and shambles of our said lord the King which are parcel of their ferm, to be rented to the profit of the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty for the term of the said twenty years and afterwards to the profit of our said lord the King and his heirs. (And as above.) And further they will bear all the other charges falling on the said town and suburbs during the said term and at the end of the said term they will surrender the said houses, shops and shambles to the said King and his heirs, and leave them as they received them. In witness whereof to the one part of this indenture remaining with the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty, our said lord the King has caused his seal of his duchy of Lancaster to be set, and to the other part of the same indenture remaining with our said lord the King, the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty have set their common seal. Given at Westminster the 23rd day of February in the fifth year of the reign of our said lord the King.

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[1] The phrase in brackets is omitted in CLXVIII.

[2] In CLXVIII. "shameles du dite ville."

[3] In CLXVIII. "de dys ans."

CLIX. *A fine pardoned by Henry IV.*

Box A. No. 255. [Sep. 6, 1406.] Henry par la grace de dieu Roy Dengleterre & de France et Seignur Dirland a toutz ceux qui cestes noz lettres verront ou orront saluz. Sachez que come quinsze liures desterlinges courgent en demande a nostre oeps sur noz chers et bienaimez les Maire, burgeois & communalte de nostre ville de Leycestre fermers de mesme nostre ville dune certeine peine par eux encurrue le primer an de lour dite ferme a cause de nounpaiement de la ferme de mesme nostre ville as termes contenuz en les endentures parentre nous et eux ent faites: Nous de nostre grace especiale auons pardonnez as ditz Maire, burgeois & communalte les dites quinsze liures, ensy par eux a nous dues & encurruz pur la cause auantdite. En tesmoignance de quele choses nous auons fait faire cestes noz lettres patentes. Doun' souz le seal de nostre Duchie de Lancastre a nostre ville de Leycestre le sisme iour de Septembre lan de nostre regne septisme.

Per litteram de signeto.

[Seal of the duchy of Lancaster nearly perfect in red wax appendant by parchment tag.]

CLX. *Trespass against the Mayor.*

V.B. No. 43. [Mar. 21, 1410.] (Blank) venit in communem aulam Leycestrie die veneris in festo translacionis S. Benedicti Abbatis a.r.r. Henrici quarti post conquestum vndecimo. Et pro transgressione

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Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to all those who shall see or hear these our letters, greeting. Know that whereas £15 sterling run in demand for our use against our dear and well-beloved the Mayor, burgesses and commonalty of our town of Leicester, farmers of our said town, of a certain penalty incurred by them in the first year of their said farm because of non-payment of the farm of our said town at the terms contained in the indentures made hereof between us and them: We by our special grace have pardoned the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty the said £15 thus due from them to us and incurred for the reason abovesaid. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Given under the seal of our duchy of Lancaster at our town of Leicester the sixth day of September in the seventh year of our reign.

By letter of the signet.

— came into the Common Hall of Leicester on Friday the feast of the translation of St Benedict, Abbot, in the 11th year of the reign of King Henry the fourth after the Conquest. And for trespass done to the Mayor and

facta Maiori et communitati, quam quidem transgressionem idem — ibidem cognouit videlicet se erga predictum Maiorem inique gubernasse et pro eadem transgressione iuramentum suum forisfecit. Et postmodum dictus — pro eadem transgressione se in graciam dicti Maioris humiliter submisit. Et predictus Maior ad instanciam parium suorum ac ad requisicionem et supplicacionem communitatis ville predicte ibidem congregate graciose perdonauit.

V. B. No. 44. Ditto repeated, the name, Joh. Couper, supplied for the first blank space, but Henricus for the two subsequent blank spaces.

V. B. No. 45. Ditto repeated, the name Will. Derby supplied for the first blank space, but Henricus for the first subsequent blank space, for the second "Willelmus" written over a correction.

V. B. No. 46. Ditto repeated to *forisfecit.* The name given is Ricardus Exsetur. The conclusion has been erased.

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community, which said trespass the said — confessed there, to wit that he had conducted himself badly towards the aforesaid Mayor, and for the said trespass he forfeited his oath. And afterwards the said — humbly submitted himself for the said trespass to the grace of the said Mayor. And the aforesaid Mayor, at the instance of his peers and at the request and petition of the commonalty of the town aforesaid there assembled, graciously pardoned him.

CLXI. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box D, No. 258. [Nov. 30, 1411.] Counterpart lease from the Mayor, Thomas Walgrave, and the community of the town, to William Qwelton of Leicester, of a cottage in the North Suburb, between a tenement of the Abbot of Leicester on the South, and a tenement late Thomas Wynchecombe's on the North[1], and stretching from the King's highway to the land of the said Abbot; for 100 years; at a rent of 4*s.* to the Mayor and community and their successors. Tenant to keep in repair. Distraining clause, warranty and sealing clauses.

[Seal with initials R. C.]

CLXII. *Licence to the Borough to receive in mortmain.*

Box B. No. 298. [May 22, 1412.] Licence from King Henry IV.[2] to the Mayor and commonalty that they may acquire lands or rent to the value of 40 marks a year. By writ of privy seal and for one hundred shillings paid into the hanaper.

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[1] See No. CLV. p. 211.

[2] See *Pat. Roll* 13 Hen. IV. No. 388.

CLXIII. *Town Ordinance.*

V. B. No. 47. [Oct. 14, 1412.] Die veneris proxima post festum Sancti Dionisii a.r.r. Henrici IIII^ti^ post conquestum quartodecimo ordinatum est per Robertum Randolfe Maiorem ville Leycestrie et per totam communitatem eiusdem ville quod si aliquis morans de cetero prosequatur aliquod breue coram Cancellario domini Regis de minis seu preceptum coram Justiciariis domini Regis de pace erga aliquem in eadem villa manentem per que breuia vel precepta aliquis erga dominum Regem seu ministros suos aliqua bona perdiderit, amittet Gildam suam in gracia Maioris: que quidem constitucio confirmata fuit coram Thoma Waldgraue Maiore ville Leycestrie et tota communitate predicte ville die veneris proxima ante festum S. Mathie apostoli a.r.r. Henrici quinti septimo. Si aliquis talis prosequatur aliquod breue seu preceptum ut predictum est ita quod si Maior pro tempore existens sufficientem securitatem ad sectam pacis (?) accipere voluerit...[1]

CLXIV. *Letters patent of Henry V. releasing the fines and debts of the borough*[2].

Box A, No. 261. [Feb. 1, 1415.] Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de

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On Friday next after the feast of St Denys in the 14th year of the reign of King Henry the fourth after the Conquest, it was ordained by Robert Randolph, Mayor of the town of Leicester, and by all the community of the said town, that if anyone resident henceforth prosecute any writ before the Chancellor of the lord King concerning threats, or a precept before the Justices of the peace of the lord King against anyone dwelling in the said town, by which writs or precepts anyone shall lose any goods to the lord King or his ministers, he shall forfeit his gild in the Mayor's grace: which said constitution was confirmed before Thomas Waldegrave, Mayor of the town of Leicester, and all the community of the aforesaid town on Friday [Feb. 22, 1420] next before the feast of St Matthias the Apostle 7 Hen. V. If any such shall prosecute any writ or precept as is aforesaid so that if the Mayor for the time being will accept sufficient security for suit of the peace (?)....

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to all his bailiffs and faithful men, to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Know that of our special grace and mere motion, from

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[1] Unfinished.

[2] See *Coram Rege Rolls* 617. Rex Roll 30.

gracia nostra speciali et ex mero motu nostro ob reuerenciam dei & caritatis intuitu perdonauimus & relaxauimus Maiori et communitati ac villate de Leycestre omnimoda escapia felonum, catalla felonum & fugitiuorum, catalla utlagatorum et felonum de se, deodanda, vasta, impeticiones ac omnimodos articulos itineris, destrucciones & transgressiones de viridi vel venacione, vendicionem boscorum infra forestas et extra et aliarum rerum quarumcumque ante octauum diem decembris vltimo preteritum infra regnum nostrum Anglie et partes Wallie emersas et †euentas†, vnde punicio caderet in demandam debitum seu in finem & redempcionem aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu in forisfacturas bonorum et catallorum aut imprisonamenta seu amerciamenta communitatum, villarum vel singularum personarum vel in oneracionem liberitenencium eorum qui nunquam transgressi fuerunt vt heredum, executorum vel terretenencium, escaetorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum et aliorum huiusmodi & omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos pertinet seu pertinere posset ex causis supradictis, statutis liberatarum pannorum & capuciorum ante dictum octauum diem Decembris editis[1] non obstantibus, ac eciam omnimodas donaciones, alienaciones et perquisiciones per ipsos de terris et tenementis de nobis vel progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie in capite tentis, ac eciam donaciones, alienaciones et perquisiciones ad manum

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reverence to God and by the stirring of charity we have pardoned and released to the Mayor and community and township of Leicester all manner of escapes of felons, chattels of felons and fugitives, chattels of outlaws and suicides, deodands, wastes, impetitions[2] and all manner of articles of the eyre, destructions and trespasses of vert or venison, selling of woods within forests and without and of all other matters whatsoever, before the eighth day of December last past arising and occurring within our realm of England and the parts of Wales, whereof punishment should fall in a demand, debt or fine and ransom or in other money penalties, or in forfeitures of goods and chattels or imprisonments or amercements of communities, vills or single persons, or in charging of the freeholders of those who never trespassed, as of the heirs, executors or landholders, escheators, sheriffs, coroners and other such, and all that which belongs or may belong to us from them for the reasons aforesaid, the statutes of liveries of cloths and hoods issued before the said eighth day of December notwithstanding, and also all manner of gifts, alienations, and purchases made or had by them of the lands and tenements held in chief of us or our progenitors sometime Kings of England, and also gifts, alienations, and purchases had or made in mortmain without

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[1] The statutes of 13 Hen. IV. c. 3.

[2] Impeachments, accusations, e.g. impetitions of waste.

mortuam factas vel habitas absque licencia regia, necnon omnimodos intrusiones et ingressus in hereditatem suam in parte vel in toto post mortem antecessorum suorum, absque debita prosecucione eiusdem extra manum regiam ante eundem octauum diem Decembris factos, vna cum exitibus & proficuis inde medio tempore perceptis: ac eciam perdonauimus et relaxauimus prefatis Maiori et communitati ac villate de Leycestre omnimodos fines adiudicatos, amerciamenta, exitus forisfactos, releuia, scutagia, ac omnimoda debita, compota, profita, arreragia firmarum et compotorum necnon omnimodas acciones & demandas quas nos †solus† versus ipsos vel nos coniunctim cum aliis personis seu persona habemus seu habere poterimus, ac eciam vtlagarias in ipsos promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum: Et insuper perdonauimus & relaxauimus eisdem Maiori & communitati ac villate de Leycestre omnimodas penas ante eundem octauum diem Decembris forisfactas coram nobis seu Consilio nostro, Cancellario, Thesaurario seu aliquo iudicum nostrorum pro aliqua causa, et omnes alias penas tam nobis quam carissimo patri nostro defuncto per ipsos pro aliqua causa ante eundem octauum diem Decembris similiter forisfactas et ad opus nostrum leuandas, ac eciam omnimodas securitates pacis ante illum diem octauum forisfactas, exceptis debitis Regi de ipso aut de aliis ligeis nostris qui superstites existunt, et de illis qui mortui sunt post coronacionem nostram debitis, necnon

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the royal licence, together with all manner of intrusions and entries upon their inheritance in part or in whole since the death of their ancestors, without due suing out of the same out of the royal hand before the said eighth day of December, together with the issues and profits taken thence in the mean time: And also we have pardoned and released to the aforesaid Mayor and community and township of Leicester all manner of fines adjudged, amercements, forfeited issues, reliefs, scutages, and all manner of debts, accounts, profits, arrears of farms and accounts, and also all manner of actions and demands which we, alone against them, or we jointly with other persons or another person, have or may have, and also outlawries promulgated against them for any of the causes abovesaid: And further we have pardoned and released to the said Mayor and community and township of Leicester all manner of penalties forfeited before the said eighth day of December before us or our Council, our Chancellor, Treasurer or any other of our judges for any cause, and all other penalties forfeited by them, as well to us as to our dearest father deceased, for any cause before the said eighth day of December in like manner, and to be levied to our use, and also all manner of sureties of the peace forfeited before the said eighth day except the debts due to the King from the same or from other our lieges, who are still living, and from those who have died since our coronation, and except debts due to the accountants in our

computantibus in Scaccario nostro vel alibi, necnon debitis Regi debitis per recogniciones, estallamenta, assignaciones vel obligaciones Regi solum aut coniunctim cum aliis personis vt custumariis aut aliis officiariis quibuscumque factas, ac insuper debitis computantibus seu illis qui computauerunt in Scaccario sicut vicecomitibus, escaetoribus & aliis officiariis qui Regi satisfecerunt debitis et per eosdem debitores Regis non solutis. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium primo die Februarii anno regni nostri secundo.

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per ipsum Regem.

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[Endorsement in another but early hand.]

Ista carta allocatur et irrotulatur coram domino Rege apud Westmonasterium termino S. Trinitatis a.r.r. Henrici quinti post conquestum tercio Rotulo xxx inter placita Regis.

CLXV. *Letters patent of Henry V. granting freedom from toll.*

Box 19, No. 253, and Box D, No. 252. [May 24, 1416[1].] Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie vniuersis et singulis vicecomitibus, maioribus, balliuis, constabulariis, ministris et

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Exchequer or elsewhere, and except the debts due to the King by recognisances, instalments, assignments or obligations made to the King alone or jointly with other persons such as collectors of customs or other officers whomsoever, and further except the debts due to accountants or those who have accounted in the Exchequer, such as sheriffs, escheators and other officers who have paid the debts to the King, and not paid by the said debtors of the King. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the first day of February in the second year of our reign. Leyc'

by the King himself.

This charter is allowed and enrolled before the lord King at Westminster in Trinity Term in the third year of the reign of King Henry the fifth after the Conquest, in Roll 30 among the pleas of the King.

Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland to all and singular the sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, constables, ministers

[1] Endorsed "Henry IV." in a modern hand, but more probably Henry V., see the licences which follow.

aliis fidelibus et subditis suis, tam infra libertates quam extra, ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Cum secundum consuetudinem in regno nostro Anglie hactenus optentam et approbatam homines et tenentes honoris de Leycestria a tempore quo non extat memoria quieti esse consueverint a prestacione theolonei, pontagii, picagii, muragii, pauagii, stallagii, passagii, lastagii et cariagii pro bonis et rebus suis per totum regnum nostrum, vobis et cuilibet vestrum precipimus firmiter iniungentes quod omnes et singulos homines et tenentes honoris predicti de huiusmodi theolonio, pontagio, picagio, muragio, pauagio, stallagio, passagio, lastagio, & cariagio vobis seu alicui vestrum pro bonis et rebus suis prestandis quietos esse permittatis iuxta consuetudinem supradictam et prout ipsi inde quieti esse debent ipsique et eorum antecessores, homines et tenentes honoris predicti a tempore predicto hactenus racionabiliter quieti esse consueverunt. Teste me ipso apud villam nostram Leycestrie XXIIII die Maii anno regni nostri quarto.

WYMBYSSH.

[No. 253 with large portion of great seal in yellow wax appendant by parchment tag.]

No. 253 endorsed: "Exhibited in a cause between Ayre and Thornbuckle and our[selves] tried at Bedford 27 July, 1745[1]."

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and other faithful men and his subjects as well within the liberties as without, to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Whereas according to the custom hitherto obtaining and approved in our realm of England, the men and tenants of the honour of Leicester from the time of which there is no memory were wont to be quit from paying of toll, pontage, pickage, murage, pavage, stallage, passage, lastage and carriage for their goods and things throughout all our realm, we order you and each of you, firmly enjoining that you allow all and singular the men and tenants of the honour aforesaid to be quit of paying such toll, pontage, pickage, murage, pavage, stallage, passage, lastage and carriage to you or any of you for their goods and things, according to the custom abovesaid, and in such wise as they ought to be free therefrom, and as they and their ancestors, men and tenants of the honour aforesaid, from the time aforesaid till now were wont to be reasonably quit. Witness myself at our town of Leicester on the 24th day of May in the fourth year of our reign.

WIMBUSH.

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[1] Cf. Throsby, p. 69.

CLXVI. *Licence to be quit of Toll.*

Box D, No. 267. Feb. 3, 1420. A touz yceaux qui cestez nos lettres verront ou orront Thomas Waldgrave Maire de la ville de Leycestre & tut le comminalte de mesme la ville salutz en dieu. Come de temps dount memorie ne court' touz les tenantz del honour de Leycestre & nomement les burgeys de la ville de Leycestre ount estez quitez de touz maners de tolnuz, passage, pauage, lastage, stallage, poisage, tronage, cariage, pikage, terrage et touz autres maners dez tolnuz queconkes parmy &[1] tut le realme Dengleterre, come par chartres et autres grauntez des Roys qount estez & †conferment† nostre sire le Roy qore est qui dieu garde, apiert plus au playn: si prioms a touz as queux cestez lettres vyndront que John de Lyn barker portour dycestez et vn dez burgeys de la susdicte vile de Leycestre venant et passant oue sez marchandisez ne voilletz faire molester ne pour cause susdicte greuer, attachier ne distreindre en †disheriteson† de nostre sire le Roy qore est qui dieu garde, come de soun fraunchise de soun duchie de Lancastre, ne nully dez burgeys de la susdicte ville de Leycestre encountre lez libertez & fraunchisez susdictez: Puis le dit John de Lyn et touz autrez burgeys de la susdicte ville de Leycestre voilletz sufferer al reuerence nostre dit sire le Roy et a cause de soun dit fraunchise quite passer & saunce

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To all those who shall see or hear these our letters Thomas Waldgrave Mayor of the town of Leicester and all the commonalty of the said town greeting in God. Whereas from time of which no memory runs, all the tenants of the honour of Leicester and especially the burgesses of the town of Leicester have been quit of all manner of tolls, passage, pavage, lastage, stallage, pesage, tronage, carriage, pickage, terrage and all other manner of tolls whatsoever throughout all the realm of England as appears more fully by the charters of other grants of the Kings that have been and by the confirmation of our lord the King who now is, whom God keep: we therefore pray all those to whom these letters shall come that ye will not cause John of Lynn, barker, bearer of these presents and one of the burgesses of the abovesaid town of Leicester, coming and going with his merchandise, to be molested, nor, for the reason abovesaid, to be aggrieved, attached or distrained in disherison of our lord the King, who now is, whom God keep, as of his franchise of his duchy of Lancaster, nor any of the burgesses of the abovesaid town of Leicester, against the liberties and franchises abovesaid: And that ye suffer the said John of Lynn and all other burgesses of the aforesaid town of Leicester, for the reverence of our said lord the King and because of his said

[1] Redundant.

ascune tolun prendre encountre les fraunchisez & libertez susdictes: Issynt que matier ne soite doun a nostre dit sire le Roy ne a nous pour nostre dit fraunchise pursuer deuers nully en cest cas: Et pour ceo que plusiours clament destre quitez par la susdicte fraunchise qui ne sount pas dycell, au dit John de Lyn come vn des burgez de la dit ville nous auoms fait cestez nos lettres patentz: Enseales de soutz la comune seal de la dit ville ensemblament de soutz le seal de loffice du Mairalte illeoques. Done a Leycestre le tierce iour de Feuerzere lan du nostre tresredoute sire le Roy Henry quynt puis le conquest septisme.

Box D, No. 270. [Aug. 18, 1421.] The like from Thomas Clerk Mayor, relating to Nicholas Cook, fisher.

Box D, No. 269. [Aug. 12, 1421.] The like from the same, relating to Henry Gery, elyman[1], and John his son.

Box D, No. 272. [Sep. 10, 1422[2].] The like from Rauf Humburston, Mayor, for John Gyldenhed.

Endorsed: "John Gildenhed. Licence from the mayor to shewe hym quytte of tolle in respecte he was within the honor of Leicestre."

CLXVII. *Lease of a Bakehouse.*

Box D, No. 271. [June 9, 1422.] Ad curiam domini Regis honoris sui Leycestre tentam apud castrum Leycestre IX die mensis Junii a.r.r. Henrici quinti decimo coram Willelmo Babthorp locum tenente Roberti Babthorp chiualer, senescalli dicti domini Regis ducatus sui Lancastre & dicti honoris ibidem, venit Thomas Hardeyn de

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franchise to pass quit and without taking any toll, against the franchises and liberties abovesaid: So that no cause be given to our said lord the King or to us to sue our said franchise against anyone in this case: And because many claim to be quit by the abovesaid franchise who are not of the same, to the said John of Lynn as to one of the burgesses of the said town, we have made these our letters patent. Sealed under the common seal of the said town and also under the seal of the office of the mayoralty there. Given at Leicester the third day of February in the seventh year of our most dread lord King Henry the fifth since the conquest.

At the court of the lord King of his honour of Leicester held at the castle of Leicester on the 9th day of the month of June in the tenth year of the reign of King Henry V. before William Babthorp lieutenant of Robert Babthorp, Knight, Steward of the said lord King of his Duchy of Lancaster and of the said honour there, Thomas Hardeyn of Leicester came and took from the

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[1] Oilman. [2] Called 10 Sep. 10 Hen. V. Henry died on Aug. 31.

Leycestre et cepit de dicto domino communem furnum extra portam borialem Leycestre scituatum in parochia Sancte Margarete virginis Leycestre: Habendum et tenendum predictum furnum cum domo, tabulis et omnibus instrumentis eidem furno spectantibus prefato Thome et assignatis suis a festo S. Michaelis archangeli vltimo preterito usque ad finem & terminum triginta annorum proximorum sequencium & plenarie completorum: Reddendo inde domino annuatim xx*s*. legalis monete ad terminos Leycestre vsitatos equis porcionibus: Et quod dictus dominus dictum comunem furnum cum domo et tabulis supradictis manutenebit, reparabit & sustentabit †sumptubus† suis propriis & expensis. Et predictus Thomas invenit plegios Johannem Wymundeswold & Willelmum Danet. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum dicti Willelmi Bapthorp presentibus est appensum. Datum die, anno et loco supradictis.

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CLXVIII. *Lease of the Farm of the Borough from Queen Catherine*[1].

Box A, No. 276. [Nov. 26, 1423.] Ceste endenture faite parentre la tres noble dame Katerine Royne Dengleterre file au Charles Roy de France Mere au Roy Dengleterre et de France et Dame Dirland dune part et les Meir, burgeoises & communalte

And as in CLVIII. p. 220 to *. These are thus limited:

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said lord the common oven outside the North Gate of Leicester situated in the parish of St Margaret the Virgin of Leicester: to have and to hold the aforesaid oven with the house, boards and all instruments belonging to the said oven to the aforesaid Thomas and his assigns from the feast of St Michael the Archangel last past till the end and for the term of thirty years next ensuing and fully complete: Rendering thence to the lord 20*s*. yearly of lawful money at the terms accustomed in Leicester by equal portions: And that the said lord will maintain, repair and sustain the said common oven with the house and boards aforesaid, at his own charges and expenses. And the aforesaid Thomas found pledges, John Wymeswold and Will. Danet. In witness whereof the seal of the said Will. Babthorp is appended to these presents. Given on the day and in the year and at the place aforesaid.

This indenture made between the most noble lady Catherine Queen of England, daughter of Charles King of France, Mother of the King of England and France and Lady of Ireland of the one part, and the Mayor, burgesses

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[1] Leicester was settled on Queen Catherine, see *Rolls of Parl.* IV. 187 a.

tanque a le value de cent souldz ou dedeinz pour une soule cause et que de toutz autres adiuggez ou adiuggers forsfaitures que passent la dite somme de cent souldz la dite Royne auera lune moyte de ceo que passe la dite somme de cent souldz, et les ditz Meir, burgeoises et communalte lautre moyte a prendre par lour mains propres sanz licence de nully par resonable seuerance affaire parentre le soubz seneschall de la dite Royne illocques et les baillifs en dite ville qui pour le temps serront.

And as in CLVIII. pp. 220–222 as touching the keeping of prisoners and the lease of the farm, which is let for 10 years at a farm of £80 a year, to *. The concluding clause runs thus :

Et supporteront les ditz Meir, burgeoises et communalte toutz autres charges a mesmes les ville et suburbes incumbentz forspris annuitees et pensions et al fyn du dit terme les ditz mesons, shopes & shameles au dite Royne lesseront et surrenderont bien et suffice-antment reparaillez et amendez. En tesmoignance de quelle chose a lune partie de ceste endenture remaynant deuers les ditz Meir, burgeoises et communalte, la dite Royne ad fait mettre soun seal et a lautre partie de mesme lendenture demeurrant deuers la dite Royne les ditz Meir, burgeoises et communalte ont mys lour commune seal de la dite ville. Don' a Westmonastre le XXVI iour de Nouembre lan du regne le Roy Henry sisme puis le conquest second.

per consilium.

[Queen Catherine's seal, see facsimile.]

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and commonalty (etc. as above) up to the value of £5 or less for a single cause, and that of all other forfeitures adjudged or to be adjudged which exceed the said sum of £5 the said Queen shall have the half of the excess over the said sum of £5, and the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty the other half, to take by their own hands without licence from any by reasonable assurance to be made between the under-steward of the said Queen there and the bailiffs in the said town for the time being (and as above). And the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty shall bear all other charges falling on the said town and suburbs except annuities and pensions, and at the end of the said term they shall leave and surrender the said houses, shops and shambles to the said Queen well and sufficiently repaired and amended. In witness whereof to the one part of this indenture remaining with the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty, the said Queen has caused her seal to be set, and to the other part of the same indenture remaining with the said Queen, the said Mayor, burgesses and commonalty have set their common seal of the said town. Given at Westminster on the 26th day of November in the second year of the reign of King Henry the sixth after the conquest.

by the council.

CLXIX. *Licences to be quit of toll.*

Box E, No. 281. [June 1, 1425.] (French) licence to Robert Braunston, "sadyller," to shew him quit of toll, from Henry Derby, Mayor.

Box E, No. 282. [Aug. 15, 1425.] Same from the same to John Northfolk, "bocher."

Box E, No. 301. [Aug. 21, 1435.] The same from John Reynold "le senior" Mayor, to Rob. Boteler.

CLXX. *Arbitration on a Right of Way.*

Box E, No. 286[1]. [June 16, 1428.] Hec concordia indentata facta inter decanum et capitulum ecclesie Nove Collegiate beate Marie Leycestrie et Johannem Swallwell clericum ex una parte et Ricardum Danett de Brunkyngthorpe, Rogerum Hycche de Leycestria, baker, Joh. Thurkeston et Joh. Mylner de Lutterworth ex parte altera, testatur quod cum diverse lites, placita et discordie mota fuissent, viz. inter prefatos decanum et capitulum et Ricardum de et super quadam via quam dictus Ric. clamat et pretendit habere pro se et tenentibus suis de Brunkyngthorpe a manerio suo de Brunkyngthorpe per villam Leycestrie ac aliis quibuscumque ad dictum[2] molendinum ad grana sua ibidem molenda adire volentibus, usque regiam viam vocatam *Rodyk* et abinde ultra pratum dictorum decani et capituli vocatum *Mawremedowe* usque molendinum ipsius Ricardi vocatum *Mawremylne* cum summagio tam cum equis quam cum pedestribus ad cariandum

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This indented agreement, made between the Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church of the blessed Mary at Leicester and John Swallwell, clerk, on the one part, and Ric. Danett of Bromkinsthorpe, Roger Hycche of Leicester, baker, John Thurkeston and John Milner of Lutterworth on the other part, witnesses that, whereas divers disputes, pleas and discords have arisen, viz. between the aforesaid Dean and Chapter and Richard, of and on a certain way which the said Richard claims and asserts himself to have for himself and his tenants of Bromkinsthorpe from his manor of Bromkinsthorpe through the town of Leicester and for all others whomsoever wishing to go to the said mill to grind their grain there, as far as the King's highway called Rowdyke and thence over the meadow of the said Dean and Chapter called Marymeadow as far as the mill of the said Richard called Marymill, with right of loading both for horses and pedestrians, to carry both their own grain

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[1] A copy, c. 1604.

[2] Sic.

tam grana sua propria quam aliena ultra dictum pratum usque ad dictum molendinum molenda et abinde eadem grana per viam predictam recarianda: Ac de eo quod dictus Ric. similiter clamat et pretendit habere separalem piscariam in aqua de Sore a *Feldyngforthe* usque *Blakepole*: Ac de et super quadam via quam dicti decanus et capitulum clamant et pretendunt habere sibi et successoribus suis ut in iure ecclesie sue predicte ad cariandum vesturam cuiusdam prati ipsorum decani et capituli vocati *Mawreholme* et nuper vocati *Gounfreyeholme* ultra pratum dicti Ricardi quod eidem prato dictorum decani et capituli est vicinum vocatum Mawreholme et deinde ultra quandam aquam vocatam *Olde Sore* ubicunque predictus Ric. et antecessores sui prati predicti vesturam a tempore quo non extat memoria cariare consueverunt annuatim cum carrectis vel aliquo alio modo ad libitum suum: Ac de et super iure, titulo et possessione cuiusdam pecie prati iuxta molendinum predictum ex parte orientali dicti molendini, quam dicti decanus et capitulum clamant ut in iure ecclesie sue predicte tenere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum et de qua iidem decanus et capitulum seisiti fuerunt ut in iure ecclesie sue predicte quousque per dictum Ricardum amoti fuerunt ut asseruerunt, et quam quidem peciam idem Ric. clamat et pretendit habere et tenere sibi et heredibus suis imperpetuum: Ac de omnimodis aliis actionibus, querelis et demandis inter predictos decanum

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and that of others over the said meadow to grind at the said mill and thence to carry away the said grain by the way aforesaid: And because the said Richard likewise claims and asserts himself to have a separate fishery in the water of the Soar from Fieldingford to Blackpool: And of and on a certain way which the said Dean and Chapter claim and assert themselves to have for themselves and their successors, as in right of their church aforesaid, to carry the crop of a certain meadow of the said Dean and Chapter called Maryholme and lately called Gounfreyeholme over the meadow of the said Richard, which is near to the said meadow of the said Dean and Chapter, called Maryholme, and thence over a certain water called Old Soar, wherever the aforesaid Richard and his ancestors used to carry the crop of the aforesaid meadow yearly, from the time of which no memory is, with carts or in any other way at their pleasure: And of and on the right, title and possession of a certain piece of meadow near the aforesaid mill on the East side of the said mill, which the said Dean and Chapter claim as in right of their church aforesaid to hold to themselves and their successors for ever, and of which the said Dean and Chapter were seised as in right of their church aforesaid until they were removed by the said Richard as they asserted, and which said piece the said Richard claims and asserts himself to have and hold to himself and his heirs for ever: And of all other kinds of actions, suits and demands had or moved

et capitulum aut Johannem Swallwell et prefatum Ricardum et predictos Rogerum, Johannem Thurkeston et Johannem Mylner habitis seu motis: Tandem per mediationem amicorum partes predicte submiserunt se stare ordinacioni, iudicio et decreto Willelmi Babyngton capitalis Justiciarii domini Regis de communi banco militis de omnimodis ac omnibus querelis et demandis predictis. Qui quidem Will. vocatis coram se partibus predictis apud Leycestre die Martis proxima post festum Clausi Pasche a. r. r. Henrici sexti post conquestum sexto, auditisque hinc inde partium predictarum evidenciis et responsis tandem arbitratus fuit et decrevit ex assensu et consensu partium predictarum quod prefatus Ric., heredes et assignati sui, tenentes manerii predicti, habebunt quandam viam se extendentem in longitudinem a *Feldyngwaye* ultra dictum pratum dictorum decani et capituli vocatum Mawremedow usque ad ripam aque de Sore, et deinde ultra pratum dictorum decani et capituli per eandem ripam de Sore usque ad molendinum predictum cum summagio equorum et pedestrium, viz. pro se ipsis ad cariandum grana sua propria aut aliena ac pannos suos proprios vel alienos ad dictum molendinum fullandos ac omnia alia et singula ad reparacionem dicti molendini ac vie predicte necessaria et abinde eadem recarianda per eandem viam ac eciam pro omnibus et singulis tenentibus suis manerii predicti liberis aut nativis ac ceteris quibuscumque ad dictum molendinum

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between the aforesaid Dean and Chapter or John Swallwell, and the aforesaid Richard and the aforesaid Roger, John Thurkeston and John Mylner: At length through the mediation of friends the parties aforesaid submitted themselves, to abide by the ordinance, judgment, and decree of Will. Babington, Chief Justice of the lord King of the Common Bench, knight, for all and every suit and demand aforesaid. Which said William, having called before him the parties aforesaid at Leicester on Tuesday next after the feast of the Close of Easter 6 Hen. VI., and having heard on every side the evidences and answers of the parties aforesaid, at length decided and decreed by the assent and consent of the parties aforesaid that the aforesaid Richard, his heirs and assigns, tenants of the Manor aforesaid, shall have a certain way extending in length from the Fieldingway over the said meadow of the said Dean and Chapter called Marymeadow to the bank of the water of Soar and thence over the meadow of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter by the said bank of the Soar to the mill aforesaid, with the loading of horses and pedestrians, to wit for themselves to carry their own grain or that of others and their own cloth or that of others to the said mill to be fulled, and all and singular the things necessary for the repair of the said mill and of the way aforesaid, and to carry back the same thence by the said way, and also for all and singular their tenants of the manor aforesaid, free or villain, and others

transituris vel abire volentibus cum summagio equorum aut pedestrium ad carianda et recarianda ad dictum molendinum et a dicto molendino per et ultra eandem viam grana sua propria ad idem molendinum molenda ac pannos suos proprios aut alienos ibidem fullandos: que quidem via continebit in se versus et ultra predictum pratum dictorum decani et capituli vocatum *Mawremedowe* unam virgam et dimidiam in latitudine tantum, prout per metas et bundas ibidem per Thomam Pegge et Johannem Burgh et Johannem Bowes et Thomam Whatton ponendas plenius poterit †apperere†: proviso semper quod non licebit predicto Ricardo, heredibus nec assignatis suis, plantare salices aut aliquas alias arbores in via predicta aut in aliqua parte eiusdem, nec in eadem aliqualiter fodere nisi †tantomodo† pro reparacione vie predicte, aut aliquid aliud in eadem facere per quod solum ubi predicta via assignata est prefato Ricardo, heredibus seu assignatis suis †accrescere† poterit quouismodo; proviso insuper quod non licebit prefato Ricardo, heredibus seu assignatis suis, aut alicui alii aliquam aliam viam ultra dictum pratum de *Mawremedowe* exigere seu facere, quod si fecerit vel fecerint ut herbam ipsorum decani et capituli ibidem extra viam superius assignatam cum averiis suis vel aliquo alio modo depastus fuerit aut depásti fuerint, conculcaverint vel conculcaverit bene licebit predictis decano et capitulo aut successoribus suis ea occasione distringere et

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whomsoever wishing to go to or from the said mill, with the loading of horses and pedestrians, to carry and carry back their own grain to the said mill, and from the said mill by and over that way, to grind at the said mill and to full their cloth or the cloth of others there: which said way shall contain in itself towards and over the aforesaid meadow of the said Dean and Chapter called Marymeadow, one rod and a half in width only, as it shall appear by metes and bounds there to be set by Thomas Pegge and John Burgh and John Bowes and Tho. Whatton: provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Richard, his heirs and assigns, to plant willows or any other trees on the way aforesaid or in any part of the same, or to dig in the same in anyway, except only for the repair of the way aforesaid, or to do any other thing in the same whereby the soil where the aforesaid way is assigned might in any way accrue to the aforesaid Richard, his heirs and assigns; provided further that it shall not be lawful to the aforesaid Richard his heirs or assigns or any other to demand or make any other way over the said meadow of Marymeadow; if he or they do this, so that they shall depasture or tread down the grass of the said Dean and Chapter there outside of the way assigned above by his or their cattle or in any other way, it shall be fully lawful to the aforesaid Dean and Chapter or their successors to distrain on that account

districciones sic captas fugare, asportare et retinere vel huiusmodi transgressores ibidem aliter implacitare quousque eisdem decano et capitulo aut successoribus suis pro dampnis et expensis ea occasione habitis plenarie fuerit satisfactum.

Preterea predictus Will. arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod bene licebit predictis decano et capitulo, successoribus et assignatis suis, construere et erigere unum pontem de petris aut de maieremio imperpetuum duraturum vel annuatim unum pontem de lignis cum ramis arborum et cratibus vocatis *Flekes* suprapositis ac aliis huiusmodi ponti necessariis in estate per quindecim dies et in ieme per alios quindecim dies permansurum absque aliquo passagio subtus huiusmodi pontem per prefatum Ricardum, heredes aut assignatos suos, cum batellis aut aliquo alio modo per dies predictos habendo ultra aquam nuncupatam Sore currentem de dicto molendino inter prata dictorum decani et capituli (vocata) *Mawremedow* et Mawreholme ad cariandum et asportandum ultra huiusmodi pontem imperpetuum duraturum omnimodam vesturam ac arbores quascumque de et in dicto prato dictorum decani et capituli de *Mawreholme* crescentes seu quovismodo provenientes, ac omnia ad reparacionem huiusmodi pontis a modo necessaria ubicumque ibidem et quandocumque eis placuerit et prout eis melius videbitur expedire, et ad

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and to drive and carry off and keep the distraints so taken, or otherwise to implead such trespassers there until the said Dean and Chapter or their successors have been fully satisfied for the damages and expenses incurred on this account.

Further the aforesaid William decreed and decided that it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, their successors and assigns, to build and erect a bridge of stone or of timber to last for ever, or yearly a bridge of beams with the branches of trees and hurdles called *Flekes*[1] laid thereon and other things necessary for such a bridge to last for a fortnight in summer and in winter for another fortnight, without any passage under such bridge to be had by the aforesaid Richard, his heirs or assigns, with boats or in any other way, during the aforesaid days, over the water called Soar, running from the said mill between the meadows of the said Dean and Chapter called Marymeadow and Maryholme, for carrying or removing over such bridge to last for ever all kinds of crop and trees whatsoever growing on and in the said meadow of Maryholme of the said Dean and Chapter or in any way proceeding thence, and all things necessary for the repair of such bridge henceforth, everywhere there, and whenever they choose, and as it

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[1] Cf. N. E. D. quoting R. Brunne *Chron.* 241, "Botes he toke...þe sides togidere knytte...þei fleked þam overthuert...Over þe water...was so ordeynd a brigge.

fugandum et refugandum tam aueria sua propria quam aliena per et ultra huiusmodi pontem in dicto prato de Mawreholme dictorum decani et capituli depascenda quociens et quandocumque eis placuerit et per et ultra pontem annuatim construendum[1] diebus et temporibus supradictis sine impedimento seu perturbacione dicti Ricardi, heredum seu assignatorum suorum vel aliorum quorumcumque nomine et loco suis, eo quod predictus Ric. clamat aquam predictam ibidem tamquam sibi heredibus et assignatis suis separalem non obstante: Proviso semper quod huiusmodi pons imperpetuum duraturus tali modo construatur quod predictus Ric., heredes et assignati sui, habeant passagium subtus pontem predictum cum parva batella pro piscacione aque predicte necessaria et competenti, cum cordis subtus eundem pontem trahenda aut cum manibus emittenda, homine in †eodem† non stante nec sedente: Proviso eciam quod bene licebit predicto Ricardo, heredibus et assignatis suis, huiusmodi pontem annuatim ut premittitur construendum post tres dies completos postquam fena de dicto prato *Mawrcholme* dictorum decani et capituli provenientia ab eodem prato cariata et asportata fuerint aut herba in eodem prato crescens in yeme depasta fuerit expellere et penitus amovere.

Insuper idem Will. arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod predictus Ric. habebit et tenebit sibi et heredibus et assignatis suis medietatem dicti

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may seem best to them, and to drive and drive back both their own cattle and those of others by and over such bridge in the said meadow of Maryholme of the said Dean and Chapter, to be depastured there as often and whensoever they choose, and by and over the bridge to be built yearly on the days and at the times aforesaid, without hindrance or molestation of the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, or of any others whomsoever in their name and place, notwithstanding that the aforesaid Richard claims the aforesaid water there as the several property of himself, his heirs and assigns: Provided always that such bridge to last for ever be built in such a way that the aforesaid Richard, his heirs and assigns, have passage under the bridge aforesaid with a small boat necessary and fitting for the fishing of the water aforesaid, to be drawn with lines under the said bridge or pushed by hand, no man standing or sitting in the boat: Provided also that it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Richard, his heirs and assigns, to take down and totally remove such a bridge to be built yearly as is aforesaid, when three days have fully elapsed after the hay, growing in the said meadow of Maryholme of the said Dean and Chapter has been carted and carried off, or after the grass growing in the said meadow in winter has been depastured.

Further the said William decided and decreed that the aforesaid Richard shall have and hold for himself and his heirs and assigns a moiety of the said

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[1] MS. costonend'.

pecie prati dicto molendino propinquiorem separatam ab altera medietate eiusdem et quod illa altera medietas eiusdem pecie predictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis imperpetuum remanebit prout ex antiquo et de iure debet tamquam parcella fundacionis ecclesie predicte, prout per metas et bundas per Johannem Bowes et Thomam Whatton pro parte dictorum decani et capituli et Thomam Pegge et Johannem Burgh pro parte dicti Ricardi ponendas, faciendas et limitandas clarius [appareat] et imperpetuum poterit apparcare citra festum S. Michaelis archangeli proximum futurum.

Preterea idem Will. arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod si predicti decanus et capitulum nulla cartas seu munimenta citra diem Martis proximam post Clausum Pasche proximum futurum post datum presencium prefato Willelmo ostenderint per que eidem Willelmo manifeste poterit †apperere† quod predicti decanus et capitulum habeant titulum et ius in piscaria predicta, extunc predictus Ric. et heredes sui habebunt piscariam predictam sibi separalem imperpetuum absque calumpnia, perturbacione seu impedimento dictorum Decani et capituli aut successorum suorum: Et quoad[1] omnes alias acciones, querelas et demandas inter partes predictas habitas seu motas pro eo quod eidem Willelmo ad tunc videbatur quelibet parcium predictarum diversas offenciones et transgressyones alteri fecisset, idem Will.

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piece of meadow nearest to the said mill, separate from the other moiety of the same, and that that other moiety of the same piece shall remain for ever to the aforesaid Dean and Chapter and their successors as of old and by right it ought, as parcel of the foundation of the church aforesaid, as may appear more clearly by metes and bounds to be set, made and marked out by John Bowes and Tho. Whatton on behalf of the said Dean and Chapter, and Tho. Pegge and John Burgh on behalf of the said Richard, and may impark it for ever before Michaelmas Day next following.

Furthermore the said William decided and decreed that if the aforesaid Dean and Chapter shall shew to the said William no charters or muniments before Tuesday next after the Close of Easter next following after the date of these presents, by which it might manifestly appear to the said William that the aforesaid Dean and Chapter have title and right in the fishery aforesaid, then the aforesaid Richard and his heirs shall have the fishery aforesaid several to themselves for ever, without claim, molestation or impediment of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter or their successors: And that as touching all other actions, suits, and demands, had or moved between the parties aforesaid, because it then appeared to the said William that each of the parties aforesaid had done divers offences and trespasses to the other, the said William,

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[1] MS. *quod ad.*

considerans et eadem ponderans equipollentes et equales pro bono pacis arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod omnes huiusmodi acciones, querele et demande inter partes predictas habite seu mote, casse, vacue et extincte sint imperpetuum.

Et pro maiori securitate arbitrii et decreti predictorum inter predictos decanum et capitulum, Ricardum, heredes et assignatos suos, finaliter et imperpetuum perimplendi et tenendi, idem Will. arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod predicti decanus et capitulum sub eorum sigillo communi concedent prefato Ricardo et heredibus suis viam predictam ultra predictum pratum dictorum decani et capituli vocatum *Mawremedowe* modo et forma supradictis citra dictum festum S. Michaelis, habendam et tenendam sibi, heredibus et assignatis suis, tenentibus manerii sui predicti ut supradictum est, sub tali condicione quod si predicti decanus et capitulum per aliquem heredum seu assignatorum heredum dicti Ricardi, ad huiusmodi pontes erigendos aut construendos aut cariagium ultra pontes predictos habendum aut aueria sua propria seu aliena ultra pontes predictos fuganda et refuganda, modo et forma predictis infuturum impediantur, extunc bene licebit predictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis eandem viam obstupare ac heredes et assignatos ipsius Ricardi ac alios quoscumque totaliter expellere et inde im-

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considering and weighing the same equipollent and equal, for the good of the peace, decided and decreed that all such actions, suits and demands, had or moved between the aforesaid parties, should be quashed, cancelled and extinguished for ever.

And for the greater security that the arbitrament and decree aforesaid be carried out and kept finally and for ever between the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, Richard, his heirs and assigns, the said William decided and decreed that the aforesaid Dean and Chapter under their common seal shall grant to the aforesaid Richard and his heirs the aforesaid way over the aforesaid meadow of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter called Marymeadow in the manner and form abovesaid before the said feast of St Michael, to have and to hold to himself, his heirs and assigns, tenants of his manor aforesaid, as is abovesaid, upon such condition that if the aforesaid Dean and Chapter should be hindered by any of the heirs or the assigns of the heirs of the said Richard, in erecting or building such bridges or in having carriage over the said bridges or in driving or driving back their own or other people's beasts over the aforesaid bridges, in the manner and form aforesaid, in future, then it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Dean and Chapter and their successors to stop the said way and to expel entirely the heirs and assigns of the said Richard and all others whomsoever and for ever to remove them

perpetuum amovere, et dictum pratum Mawremedowe quietum et exoneratum de via predicta habere et tenere sibi successoribus et assignatis suis imperpetuum: Proviso insuper quod extunc bene liceat predicto Ricardo, heredibus et assignatis suis, ac aliis quibuscumque tenentibus predicti manerii de Brunkyngthorp, ac aliis quibuscumque, eandem viam habere [et] usitare usque ad dictum molendinum pro granis suis propriis ac alienis ibidem molendis imposterum accessuris vel adire volentibus, quam idem Ric. et antecessores sui tenentes manerii predicti ac eorum tenentes infra manerium predictum ac alii quicumque usitare [et] habere consueverunt a tempore quo non exstat memoria.

Insuper idem Will. arbitratus fuit et decrevit quod predictus Ric. per scriptum suum cum sigillo armorum ipsius Ricardi citra dictum festum S. Michaelis sigillandum concedet prefatis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis quod bene licebit eisdem decano et capitulo successoribus et assignatis suis construere et erigere unum pontem de petris aut de maieremio aut unum pontem de lignis ultra predictam aquam de Sore inter pratum dictorum decani et capituli de Mawremedowe et de Mawreholme ubicunque eis placuerit modo et forma supradictis sub tali condicione quod [si] dictus Ric., heredes seu assignati sui, tenentes manerii predicti aut eorum tenentes manerii

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thence, and to have and hold the said meadow of Marymeadow quit and discharged from the way aforesaid to themselves and their successors and assigns for ever: Provided further that from that time it be fully lawful for the aforesaid Richard, his heirs and assigns, and all others whomsoever, tenants of the aforesaid manor of Bromkinsthorpe, and all others whomsoever, to have and to use the said way to the said mill for grinding there their own grain and that of others who in future shall go there or wish to go there, which way the said Richard and his ancestors, tenants of the manor aforesaid, and their tenants within the manor aforesaid, and all others whomsoever, were wont to use and have from the time of which there is no memory.

Further the said William decided and decreed that the aforesaid Richard by his writing, to be sealed with the seal of the arms of the said Richard before the said feast of St Michael, shall grant the aforesaid Dean and Chapter and their successors that it shall be fully lawful for the said Dean and Chapter, their successors and assigns, to build and erect a bridge of stone or of timber, or a bridge of beams, over the aforesaid water of Soar between the said Dean and Chapter's meadow of Marymeadow, and Maryholm, wherever they choose in the manner and form aforesaid, upon such condition that if the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, tenants of the manor aforesaid, or their tenants of the manor aforesaid, or others whosoever, as is aforesaid,

predicti aut alii quicumque ut predicitur de via predicta ultra pratum dictorum decani et capituli de Mawremedowe per dictos decanum et capitulum eidem Ricardo, heredibus et assignatis suis pro se et eorum tenentibus ac aliis ut primititur concessa per eosdem †decani† et a †capitulum† seu assignatos suos impediantur, extunc bene licebit prefato Ricardo, heredibus seu assignatis suis, huiusmodi pontes ultra aquam predictam per predictos decanum et capitulum seu assignatos suos ut premittitur construendos vel erigendos expellere et penitus amovere: Proviso semper quod extunc bene licebit predictis decano et capitulo, successoribus et assignatis suis, eandem viam habere et usitare a dicto prato de Mawreholme ipsorum decani et capituli ad cariandas omnimodam vesturam et arbores quascumque de & in eodem prato crescentes et provenientes usque ad dictam ecclesiam collegiatam vel alibi et ad fugandum et refugandum per eandem viam tam averia sua propria quam aliena in eodem prato de Mawreholme ipsorum decani et capituli depascenda temporibus congruis et oportunis quam iidem decanus et capitulum et predecessores sui, ac omnes alii quorum statum iidem decanus et capitulum †hebent†, in predicto prato de Mawreholme ipsorum decani et capituli habere et usitare consueverunt a tempore quo non exstat memoria.

In quorum omnium premissorum testimonium uni †perti† huius decreti indentati penes predictos decanum et capitulum remanenti

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shall be hindered of the aforesaid way over the said Dean and Chapter's meadow of Marymeadow, granted by the said Dean and Chapter to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns, for themselves and their tenants and others as is aforesaid by the said Dean and Chapter or their assigns, then it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Richard, his heirs or assigns, to pull down and entirely remove such bridges to be built or erected over the aforesaid water by the aforesaid Dean and Chapter or their assigns as is aforesaid: Provided always that thenceforth it shall be fully lawful to the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, their successors and assigns, to have and use the said way from the said Dean and Chapter's said meadow of Maryholm to carry all manner of crops and trees of all kinds growing in and proceeding from the said meadow, as far as the said collegiate church or elsewhere, and to drive and drive back by the said way both their own beasts and those of others depasturing in the said Dean and Chapter's said meadow of Maryholm, at times proper and fitting, which the said Dean and Chapter and their predecessors, and all others whose estate the said Dean and Chapter have in the aforesaid Dean and Chapter's said meadow of Maryholm, were wont to have and use from the time of which there is no memory.

In witness of all which premisses, the seal of both the aforesaid William and the seal of the arms of the aforesaid Richard are firmly set to one part of

tam sigillum prefati Willelmi quam sigillum armorum predicti Ricardi firmiter est appositum, alteri vero parti huius decreti indentati[1] penes prefatum Ricardum remanenti tam sigillum prefati Willelmi quam sigillum commune dictorum decani et capituli firmiter est apposcitum. Hiis testibus: Willelmo Trussell, Radulpho Shyrley, Roberto Moton, militibus, Bartholomeo Brukesby, Thoma Assheby, Bauldwyno Brigges, armigeris, Willelmo Skynner tunc maiore ville Leycestrie, Thoma Wyttyngton, Adam Racy tunc ballivis eiusdem ville, Johanne Chyrche, Radulpho Brasyer †burgeris† eiusdem ville Leycestre et aliis. Datum Leycestre in domo capitulari eiusdem ecclesie collegiate XVI die Junii a. r. r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie sexto et anno millessimo CCCC XXVIII.

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this indented decree remaining in the possession of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, and to the other part of this indented decree, remaining in possession of the aforesaid Richard, both the seal of the aforesaid William and the common seal of the said Dean and Chapter are firmly set. These being the witnesses: William Trussell, Ralph Shirley, Robert Moton, knights, Bartholomew Brukesby, Thomas Assheby, Baldwin Briggs, esquires, William Skinner then Mayor of the town of Leicester, Thomas Whittington, Adam Racy then bailiffs of the said town, John Churche, Ralph Brasier burgesses of the said town of Leicester and others. Dated at Leicester in the Chapter House of the said collegiate church on the 16th day of June in the sixth year of the reign of King Henry the sixth after the Conquest of England, 1428.

CLXXI. *Copy of certain Statutes.*

Box A, No. 287. [t. Hen. VI.] Three large sheets of parchment reciting the statutes 36 Ed. III. c. 1–6, 2 H. IV. c. 14, 13 R. II. c. 9, 15 R. II. c. 4, 1 H. V. c. 10, 2 H. VI. c. 14, 8 H. VI. c. 5, 2 H. V. c. 8, 8 H. VI. c. 9, 14, 2 H. IV. c. 21, 13 H. IV. c. 3, 8 H. VI. c. 4, 23 Ed. III. c. 1, and first sentence of c. 2, c. 6, c. 7, 7 R. II. c. 5, 12 R. II. c. 3–9, 4 H. IV. c. 14, 11 H. IV. c. 4, 2 H. V. c. 4, 6 H. VI. c. 3, 8 H. VI. c. 8.

[Large portion of great seal in yellow wax appendant by parchment tag.]

CLXXII. *Agreement to arbitration concerning toll at Torksey.*

Box E, No. 289. [July 31, 1431.] Indenture bearing witness that whereas Will. Clerk of Leicester is bound by his writing obligatory to Ric. Botry of Torksey in £20, which said writing bears date 31 July, 9 Hen. VI., the aforesaid Ric. agrees that if the aforesaid Will. Clerk and Tho. Clerk of Leicester will submit to the arbitration of Will. Cheyne, Chief Justice of the Bench of the lord King, Will. Babington Chief Justice of the lord King of the Common Bench and Ric.

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[1] *indentata* MS.

Hastings knights, arbitrators by consent of both the parties, and if the said arbitrators ordain that the aforesaid Will. and Tho. or either of them ought by rights to pay toll to the lord Darcy for certain merchandise at Torksey sold or bought afore now by them, or either of them, or driven or carried by land or by water or through the middle of the town, according to the quantity and quality of the said merchandise and according to the custom of the said town used of old, and will pay toll to the said lord or his minister deputed in this behalf, for that merchandise, immediately after the arbitration, that then henceforth the aforesaid writing obligatory shall be held for nought, but otherwise it shall stand in its force and effect. And although the aforesaid Ric. Botry by his writing obligatory is bound to the aforesaid Will. Clerk in £20, date as above, nevertheless the aforesaid Will. Clerk agrees that if the aforesaid Ric. stands to the judgment of the arbitrators, and whereas the aforesaid Ric. Botry before these times took certain goods and chattels of the said Will. and Tho. and still keeps the said goods, i.e. 3 barrels of herring, worth 28*s.* 6*d.*, and 2 cades of red herring, worth 11*s.*, and 4 stockfish (fungeas), worth 1*s.* 4*d.*, he shall pay the said Will. and Tho. or one of them, for the value of the said goods, on the day on which the said arbitrators shall make the arbitration: And the aforesaid Ric. and every other minister of the lord Darcy shall permit all and singular the burgesses and tenants of the said town of Leicester to be free and quit of every toll to be taken from them for whatsoever merchandise bought or sold within the town of Torksey or driven or carried by land or by water or through the middle of the said town until the feast of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary next following after the date of these presents, provided always that the ordinance, judgment and arbitration of the said arbitrators in all and singular the premises be made before the aforesaid feast of the Purification; and that then the aforesaid writing obligatory shall be held for nought, otherwise it shall stand in its force and effect.

[Fragment of seal.]

CLXXIII. *Leases from the Borough.*

Box E, No. 290. [Ap. 26, 1432.] Counterpart lease from John Loughborough, Mayor of Leicester, and the community of the town to Nic. Algirkyrk, Serjeant of the same, of a cottage with garden annexed, in the parish of St Nicholas in a place called "le Holy bones" between the Common Hall on the North and the cottage of the said Mayor and community on the South, and stretching in length from the King's highway to the land of the Abbot of Leicester, which cottage contains in width on the King's highway 10 rods and three quarters of a rod by the standard yard, and in length (miswritten latitud') 11 rods and a half by the standard; for forty years; at a rent to the chamberlains of two shillings at the three usual terms. Tenant to repair. At Leicester in the Common Hall.

[Seal of the community in red wax. See facsimile.]

Box E, No. 291. [Ap. 12, 1433.] Counterpart lease from Thomas Clerk, Mayor of Leicester, and the community of the town to Ric. Stevenson of Leicester, mason, of a cottage and garden annexed in the parish of St Nicholas in a place called "le Holy bones" between the community's cottage called "le Storehouse" on the North and Alice Freman's garden on the South; the garden lies between Alice Freman's garden on the South and Nic. Algirkyrk's garden on the North, and it stretches from the King's highway to the land of the Abbot of Leicester; for forty years; at a rent to the chamberlains of two shillings at the three usual terms. Tenant to repair. At Leicester in the Common Hall at Easter.

[Seal: an R.]

CLXXIV. *Arbitration on the Cowhay.*

Box E, No. 294[1]. [Ap. 24, 1433.] Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum nostrum indentatum pervenerit, Will. de Ferrariis dominus de Groby miles, Will. Babyngton miles, Capitalis Justiciarius domini nostri Regis de communi banco, Ric. Hastynges miles, Will. Trussell miles, et Will. Babthorpe unus baronum de scaccario dicti domini nostri Regis, salutem in deo †salutari† nostro. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum nuper quedam controversia sive dissensionis materia inter Maiorem, burgenses et communitatem ville Leycestrie ex parte una ac decanum et capitulum ecclesie noue collegiate beate Marie Leycestre ex parte altera, eo quod ipsi Maior, burgenses et communitas quedam diuersa fossata sive foveas et plantaciones salicum et aliarum arborum in et circa quandam pasturam in australi campo Leycestre vocatam *le Cowhey* et super ripam de *le Dreyner* alias vocatum *the olde dyke of the Cowhey*, dictis decano et capitulo reclamantibus et contradicentibus, fieri fecerunt, necnon ex eo quod dicti Maior, burgenses et communitas communam pasture pro bestiis suis tempore communicandi in magno prato vocato *Closemedow* et uno clauso vocato *Gosselynecroft* habere clamauerunt,

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To all the faithful of Christ to whom our present indented writing shall come, Will. de Ferrers lord of Groby, knight, Will. Babington, knight, Chief Justice of the Common Bench of our lord the King, Ric. Hastings, knight, Will. Trussell, knight, and Will Babthorpe, one of the Barons of the Exchequer of our said lord the King, greeting in God our salvation. Know all of you that whereas lately a certain controversy or matter of dissension has been stirred up and has arisen between the Mayor, burgesses and community of the town of Leicester of the one part and the Dean and Chapter of the new collegiate church of the Blessed Mary at Leicester of the other part, because the said Mayor, burgesses and community have caused divers ditches or dykes and plantations of willows and other trees to be made in and about a certain pasture in the South Field of Leicester called the Cowhay and on the bank of the drain otherwise called the old dyke of the Cowhay, the said Dean and Chapter objecting to and protesting against this, and also because the said Mayor, burgesses and community claimed to have common of pasture for their beasts in time of commoning in the great meadow called Closemeadow and in a close called Goslingcroft[2], the said Dean and Chapter claiming to have the

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[1] Throsby, p. 54, gives a brief summary of this record.

[2] Originally Goscelincroft.

mota et exorta fuisset, dictis decano et capitulo clamantibus habere dictam pasturam sibi et successoribus suis ut in iure ecclesie sue predicte tanquam parcellam quatuor carucatarum terre dicte ecclesie collegiate in campis predictis iacencium et pro qualibet vacca sive pro singulis averiis in dicta pastura agistatis sive agistandis sive pastis vel pascendis tres denarios per annum, prefatis vero Maiore, burgensibus et communitate ad hoc replicantibus et dicentibus quod dicta villa de Leycestre est et a tempore quo non extat memoria fuit antiquus burgus ipsique et omnes predecessores sui Maiores, burgenses, et communitas dicte ville a toto tempore supradicto semper continue pacifice & absque interrupcione seisiti et possessionati fuerunt de predicta pastura in dominico suo ut de feodo et de iure, reddendo inde annuatim pro qualibet vacca siue pro singulis averiis ibidem pastis vel pascendis tres denarios per annum.

Tandem ambe parte[s].....[1]...amfractus et dubios litis eventus, sumptusque hinc et inde evitare litesque controversias et discordias quascumque inter ipsas occasione premissorum sussitatas per viam pacis et concordie pro utilitate non modica et quiete partis utriusque terminari cupientes, nos quatuor, tres vel duos nostrum, quorum ego dominus Will. Babyngton ero vnus, communi hinc inde consensu pariter et assensu, allicientibus eciam et inducentibus eas ad hoc

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said pasture to themselves and their successors as in right of their church aforesaid as parcel of four carucates of land of the said collegiate church lying in the Fields aforesaid, and [to have] for each cow and for each beast agisted or to be agisted, pastured or to be pastured in the said pasture 3*d.* yearly, the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and community replying to this and saying that the said town of Leicester is, and from the time of which there is no memory, was an old borough and they and all their predecessors, the Mayors, burgesses and community of the said town, were seised and possessed from all time as aforesaid always, continually, peaceably and without interruption, of the aforesaid pasture in their demesne as of fee and of right, rendering thence yearly for every cow or for every beast pastured or to be pastured there 3*d.* yearly[2].

But both parties...to avoid the circumlocutions and the doubtful issues of litigation and charges on both sides, and wishing to end the disputes and controversies and discords whatsoever arisen between them by reason of the premises, by way of peace and concord for the no small advantage and quiet of either party, they have chosen us four, three or two of us, of whom I Sir William Babington shall be one, by common consent likewise and assent hereupon, divers matters attracting and inducing them to do this, by counsel of our said

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[1] Word faded away.

[2] See I. pp. 4, 38.

diversis[1], de consilio dicti domini nostri regis arbitros arbitratores sive amicabiles compositores elegerunt et vtraque parcium predictarum sic elegit ac in nos quatuor, tres vel duos nostrum super omnibus vt prefertur premissis, controversiis et discordiis compromiserunt et earum utraque debite et sufficienter compromisit ac se super eis iudicio, ordinacioni et determinacioni nostris in hac parte ubicumque, qualitercumque et quandocumque per nos quatuor, tres aut duos nostrum ut prefertur ferendis et pronunciandis submiserunt, et pro perpetuo stare et obedire in alto et basso firmiter promiserunt, unde nos predicti Will. de Ferariis, Will. Babyngton, Ric. Hastynges, Will. Trussell et Will. Babthorpe xxiiii die Aprilis a. r. r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie vndecimo ad †speciales† requisicionem et rogatum tam predictorum Maioris, burgensium et communitatis quam dictorum decani et capituli apud Leycestre conveni[vi]mus, et accepto super nos onere iudicii, ordinacionis et determinacionis premissorum, vocatis et comparentibus coram nobis partibus predictis, auditisque hinc et inde super premissis earundem parcium querelis et demandis, racionibus, allegacionibus et responsionibus ac visis et examinatis earum evidenciis, habitaque super eis per nos deliberacione diligenti et matura, de ipsarum eciam parcium consensu pariter et assensu, decrevimus,

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lord the King, as arbiters, arbitrators or friendly composers, and each of the parties aforesaid has so chosen, and they have compromitted in us four, three or two of us concerning all the premises, controversies and disputes as is aforesaid, and each of them has compromitted duly and sufficiently, and they have submitted themselves to our judgment, decree and decision to be delivered and pronounced upon them in this behalf wheresoever, howsoever and whensoever by us four, three or two of us as is aforesaid, and have promised solemnly for ever to submit and obey in high and low, whereupon we the aforesaid Will. de Ferrers, Will. Babington, Ric. Hastynges, Will. Trussell and Will. Babthorpe on the 24th day of April in the 11th year of the reign of King Henry the sixth after the Conquest of England, at the special request and petition both of the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and community and of the said Dean and Chapter, have met at Leicester and having taken on us the burden of the judgment, ruling and settling of the premises, having called and there having appeared before us the parties aforesaid, and having heard on both sides the complaints and demands, proofs, allegations and answers of the said parties on the premises, and having seen and examined the evidences of the same, and there having been diligent and mature deliberation on the same by us, by the consent and also assent of the said parties, we have decreed,

[1] Dm̃s.

ordinavimus et determinavimus de et super premissis et aliis subscriptis in hunc modum, videlicet quod predicti Maior, burgenses et communitas habeant, possideant et teneant predictam pasturam de *Cowhey* eisdem Maiori, burgensibus et communitati ac successoribus suis imperpetuum in dominico suo ut de feodo & iure, solvendo et reddendo inde annuatim dictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis pro qualibet vacca sive pro singulis averiis in dicta pastura agistatis vel agistandis, pastis vel pascendis, tres denarios sicut hactenus per totum dictum tempus solvere et reddere consueverunt, et iidem decanus et capitulum et predecessores sui prius habuerunt et habere clamaverunt: et quod bene liceat dictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis annuatim quandocumque sibi placuerint predictam pasturam de *Cowhey* per se vel deputatos suos intrare et quodlibet animal ibidem agistatum vel agistandum, depastum vel depascendum extra pasturam illam semel in anno tantum effugare, et usque grangias ipsorum decani et capituli in australi suburbio Leycestre situatas abducere et ibidem imparcare et in parco detinere quousque de tribus denariis pro quolibet huiusmodi animali dictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis plenarie fuerit satisfactum absque perturbacione, impedimento vel reclamacione dictorum Maioris, burgensium et communitatis vel ipsorum alicuius: Et si aliqua animalia dicte ville in dicta pastura pasta vel pascenda ab huiusmodi abduccione et imparcacione aliquo modo subtracta

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ordained and determined of and on the premises and other matters underwritten in this manner, to wit that the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and community shall have, possess and hold the aforesaid pasture of Cowhay to the said Mayor, burgesses and community and their successors for ever in their demesne as of fee and right, paying and rendering thence yearly to the said Dean and Chapter and their successors *3d.* for every cow or every beast agisted or to be agisted, pastured or to be pastured in the said pasture, as hitherto throughout all the said time they were wont to pay and render, and as the said Dean and Chapter and their predecessors formerly had and claimed to have: And that it shall be fully lawful to the said Dean and Chapter and their successors yearly, whensoever they choose, to enter the aforesaid pasture of Cowhay by themselves or their deputies, and to drive every animal there agisted or to be agisted, pastured or to be pastured out of that pasture once a year only and lead them to the granges of the said Dean and Chapter situated in the South suburb of Leicester and impound them there and detain them in pound until the *3d.* due from each such animal be fully paid to the said Dean and Chapter and their successors, without hindrance, impediment or objection on the part of the said Mayor, burgesses and community or any of them: and if any animals of the said town, pastured or to be pastured in the said pasture, be withdrawn from such leading away and impounding in any way, notice thereof

fuerint, facta inde noticia Maiori Leycestre pro tempore existenti pro parte dictorum decani et capituli, idem Maior de tribus denariis pro quolibet animali sic subtracto faciet dictis decano et capitulo per possessorem eiusdem animalis fideliter responderi et hoc quolibet anno quo huiusmodi subtraccionem fieri contigerit.

Decrevimus insuper ordinavimus et determinavimus quod bene licebit dictis Maiori, burgensibus et communitati dictam pasturam de *Cowhey* ex parte boriali eiusdem versus solum dictorum decani et capituli per limites et lapides ibidem antiquitus positos infossare, et fossato ex illa parte a dicto solo separare et eiusdem fossati ripam dicteque pasture borderam super ripam aque de Sore necnon super ripam de *le Dreyner* alias vocato *the olde dyke of the Cowhey* ex utraque parte eiusdem super solum suum plantare cum salicibus vnico cursu tantum plantandis, et quod salices super fossatum ex australi parte dicte pasture versus *Oxhey* alias †vocate† *Mawrymedow* noviter duobus cursibus plantate ad voluntatem dictorum Maioris, burgensium et communitatis stabunt et crescent, excepto quod quia ripa eiusdem fossati tam exaltatur cum terra, salicesque huiusmodi super ipsam noviter ut prefertur plantate, ita spisse et vicine plantate sunt quod temporibus inundancium aquarum, aque cum *le wrek*[1] redundant

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having been given to the Mayor of Leicester for the time being on behalf of the said Dean and Chapter, the said Mayor must cause the possessor of the said animal faithfully to answer to the said Dean and Chapter for the 3*d.* from every animal so withdrawn and this every year that such withdrawal may chance to be made.

We have decreed further and we have ordained and determined that it shall be fully lawful for the said Mayor and burgesses and community to enclose the said pasture of Cowhay with a ditch on the North side of the same towards the soil of the said Dean and Chapter by the bounds and stones placed there of old, and to separate it from the said soil by a ditch on that side and to plant the bank of the said ditch and the border of the said pasture on the bank of the river Soar and also on the bank of the drain otherwise called the old dyke of the Cowhay on both sides of the same upon their soil, with willows, planting only a single row, and that the willows on the ditch on the South side of the said pasture towards the Oxhay otherwise called Marymeadow, newly planted with a double row, at the will of the said Mayor, burgesses and community, shall stand and grow, except that because the bank of the said ditch is so raised with the soil and the willows so planted lately upon it as is aforesaid are planted so thickly and close together that in times of flood, water with the wrack[1] overflows and lies on the said Marymeadow

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[1] Cf. *Prompt. Parv.* p. 533.

et expectant super dictum Mawrymedow et illud nimium emergunt in dampnum et preiudicium predictorum decani et capituli, prefati igitur Maior, burgenses et communitas in quatuor locis eiusdem fossati per spacium xvi^{cim} pedum vel in octo locis magis convenientibus et oportunis, quolibet loco per spacium octo vel decem pedum dictos salices plene amputabunt et ammota terra ripam eiusdem fossati in singulis dictis locis per spacia huiusmodi cum solo dicte pasture coequabunt pro faciliori cursu huiusmodi aquarum et *le wrek*; licebit tamen dictis Maiori, burgensibus, communitati ac successoribus suis super singulis dictis spaciis barras ligneas pro bestiis suis in dicta pastura conservandis facere [et] ponere, et sine impedimento cursus aquarum et *le wrek* ad voluntatem suam renovare et continuare: Et quod calcetum de via regia que ducit de Ayleston ad Leycestre usque in dictam pasturam de novo iam factum et ex utraque parte infossatum ac cum salicibus duobus cursibus ex utraque parte plantatum et cum barris et porta ligneis versus dictam viam regiam inclusum stet et maneat in futurum pro meliori introitu bestiarum in pasturam predictam, excepto quod propter elargacionem eiusdem vie regie dicte barre et porta per dictos Maiorem, burgenses et communitatem ammoveantur et vicinius dicte pasture a dicta via regia per spacium xxx pedum ponantur, figantur et ibidem ad voluntatem suam reficiantur, et continuentur in futurum et omnes salices extra dictas

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and submerges it too much to the damage and prejudice of the aforesaid Dean and Chapter, therefore the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and community shall cut down the said willows entirely in four places of the said ditch for the space of 16 feet, or in eight places more convenient and fitting, in each place for the space of 8 or 10 feet, and after the soil has been removed, they shall make the bank of the said ditch in each of the said places for such spaces level with the soil of the said pasture for the easier flow of such water and wrack; but it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, burgesses and community and their successors to make and put wooden bars over each of the said spaces to keep their beasts in the said pasture, and to renew and continue the same at their will, without hindrance of the course of water and wrack: And that the causey from the King's highway that leads from Aylestone to Leicester to the said pasture, already newly made and ditched on both sides and planted with willows in a double row on either side and enclosed with wooden bars and a wooden gate towards the said King's highway, shall stand and remain in future for the better entry of the beasts into the said pasture, except that on account of the enlargement of the said King's highway the said bars and gate shall be removed by the said Mayor, burgesses and community and shall be set, fixed, and there, at their will, restored, 30 feet nearer the said pasture from the said King's highway, and they shall remain

barras et portam sic positas & fixas versus dictam viam regiam plene amputentur et amodo ibidem nulle arbores replantentur, fossata eciam ex utraque parte dicti calceti extra dictas barras versus dictam viam regiam obturentur et impleantur et propter elargacionem dicte vie maneant sic implete, dicta tamen porta amodo semper per diem quolibet videlicet anno a primo die Maii usque dicti decanus et capitulum animalia predicta pro redditu predicto semel effugaverint et imparcaverint ut predictum est stabit non cerata nec aliter firmata quin dicti decanus et capitulum per se vel suos [deputatos] dictam pasturam per ipsam portam pro fugacione et imparcacione huiusmodi faciendis libere et sine difficultate aliqua annuatim intrare et cum dictis animalibus sic effugandis et imparcandis exire poterunt in futurum: Et quod prefati Maior, burgenses et communitas omnia fossata noviter iam facta et se in longitudine de dicto *Mawrymedow* per dictam viam regiam versus villam Leycestre extendentia et dictam pasturam versus ipsam viam includentia et omnes salices super eis noviter plantatas plene impleri et amputari facient et dictam pasturam ex nunc versus dictam viam regiam planam non clausam sed apertam conservabunt sicut semper retroactis temporibus saltem usque dictam nouam fossacionem servari consuevit: Ordinavimus insuper et determinavimus quod magnum pratum infra aquas de Sore

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in future, and all the willows outside the said bars and gate thus placed and fixed, towards the said King's highway, shall be entirely cut down and from henceforth no trees shall be planted again there, the dykes also on either side of the said causey outside of the said bars and towards the said King's highway shall be stopped and filled up, and on account of the enlargement of the said way shall remain so filled, but the said gate from henceforth shall remain unlocked always throughout the day in every year, to wit from the first of May until the said Dean and Chapter have driven and impounded the aforesaid beasts for the aforesaid rent once as is aforesaid, and it shall not be locked or otherwise closed so that the said Dean and Chapter by themselves or their deputies in future cannot enter the said pasture by this gate for such driving and impounding freely and without any difficulty yearly, and leave with the said animals to be so driven and impounded: And that the aforesaid Mayor, burgesses and community shall cause all the ditches now newly made and stretching in length from the said Marymeadow by the said King's highway towards the town of Leicester and enclosing the said pasture towards the said way to be entirely filled up and all the willows lately planted upon them to be cut down, and they shall keep the said pasture henceforth clear, unenclosed and open towards the said King's highway as always in past time it was wont to be kept until the said new ditching: We have ordained further and determined that the great meadow

vocatum *Closemedow* et unum clausum vocatum *Gosselynecroft* dictis decano et capitulo et successoribus suis semper separabilia et clausa sint et maneant imperpetuum. In quorum omnium testimonium, firmitatem atque fidem nos arbitri, arbitratores sive amicabiles compositores predicti utrique parti huius scripti sive decreti nostri indentati sigilla nostra apposuimus. Datum apud Leycestre prefato XXIIII die Aprilis a. r. r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie undecimo.

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within the waters of Soar called Closemeadow and a close called Goslingcroft shall be always several and closed and shall remain for ever to the said Dean and Chapter and their successors. In witness, security and faith whereof we the aforesaid arbiters, arbitrators or friendly composers have set our seals to either part of this our indented writing or decree. Dated at Leicester on the aforesaid 24th day of April in the 11th year of the reign of King Henry the sixth after the Conquest of England.

CLXXV. *Grant of a general pardon.*

Box B, No. 305. [July 20, 1437.] Letters patent of Henry VI. granting a general pardon. The general pardon made out in like terms for St Alban's is in John de Amundesham's *Annals* II. 169. See also *Rot. Parl.* IV. 504 b.

CLXXVI. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box F, No. 311. [Sep. 24, 1442.] Lease from Thomas Charyte, Mayor, Peter Launder and Will. Chaloner, chamberlains, to Will. Richmond of Leicester, slater, by consent of the community, of a messuage and piece of land, the messuage being in Swinesmarket between the tenement of John Broune on the West and that of (blank) Feeldyng on the East, stretching from the King's highway to the tenement of Will. Walgrave, and the land lying in St Margaret's parish between the land of the Abbot of Sulby[1] now in the tenure of the said Will. Richmond on the West and the land of Tho. Kylche on the East, and stretching from the common footpath on the South to the land of Henry of Leicester on the North, for a term of 96 years, at a rent of 8*s*. a year, and to the chief lords of the fee 4*s*. and a cock and 3 hens. Witnesses: Will. Wymondeswold, John Raynold senior, Adam Racy, Will. Watford, John Whytton of Leicester.

[Seal: a W.]

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[1] Northamptonshire. Perhaps the piece of land granted by Earl Robert 1168—1191, B. M. Add. Charters 21354.

CLXXVII. *Borough Court Roll.*

Box 7, No. 175. [Nov. 22, 1443.] A few pleas of debt badly injured.

Franciplegii. Tho. Couper & (3 named) jurati ac onerati etc. presentaverunt quod Annaichus(?) Skynner fecit *affray* versus Robertum Skynner tempore †feree† cum bastardo[1] tracto. Ideo ipse in misericordia. Et quod Rob. Skynner fecit 1 homesokun versus Nicolauum Skynner, sequend' ipsum ad mansionem suam propriam verbis pomposis ipsum †vilitand'†. Ideo ipse in misericordia.

Frankpledges. Tho. Couper and (others) sworn and charged etc. presented that A. Skinner made affray against Rob. Skinner in fair-time with his dagger drawn. Therefore he is in mercy. And that Rob. Skinner made a hamsoken against Nicholas Skinner, following him to his own house abusing him with contemptuous words. Therefore he is in mercy.

Examination of weights and measures made there before the said Mayor[2]. On this day no defect of measures or of weights was found.

Sum of this court 12*d.* Sum of the aforesaid[3] 13 Courts of Fairs sewn together, 6*s.* 4*d.*

Weighing of bread before Will. Grauntham, Mayor, Will. Braundeston and Alex. Villers, deputies of Ric. Hotoft and Tho. Merynges, bailiffs of the town, on Friday before the feast of St Catherine, 22 Hen. VI. Quarter of medium wheat worth 3*s.* 6*d.*

CLXXVIII. *Record of the Fair Court.*

V.B. No. 49. [Sep. 29, 1446.] Record of a payment made at a Fair-court of Leicester before John Benet, then Mayor, Will. Wymundeswold, Will. Wykyngeston, and John Reynold senior, Stewards of the Fair.

(No. 50. Another copy of the same record. Nos. 51–56 are similar records giving the names of the Mayors and Stewards, 27 Hen. VI.—32 Hen. VI.)

CLXXIX. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box F, No. 318. [Sep. 29, 1448.] This endenture made betwene William Wygston, Mayre of the town of Leycestre, John Moke and William Hynde, chamberlens, and by the assent of the comens at a

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[1] See *Nottingham Records*, IV. 448.

[2] Will. Grauntham.

[3] Not on this roll.

comen halle of the oone party, and William Davbeney, barker, of the same town, of the other party, witnesseth that þe same William Wygston Mayre, chamberlens and comens hath gravnted and to ferme hath leten a myce[1] with the appurtenaunce sett and lygyng in the North Gate of Leycestre betwene the tenement of the Abbot of Leycestre of þe North party and the tenement of þe said William Davbeney of the South party, and so stretcheth from the kynges hye way down to a crofte that sumtyme was Roger Cook of the Est party: To haue and to hold þe said myce with the appartenaunce to hym to his eyres and to his assignes from the fest of sainte Myghell þe archaungell the yeer of the regne of Kyng Herry þe sixte after þe conquest of England XXVII., vnto the ende and terme of LX yeer from thens next folewyng, and fully to be fulfylled: Yeldyng and payng yeerly for the forsaid myce with þe appurtenaunce to the chamberlens of Leycestre for the tyme beyng *xs.* of sterlinges at iii tymes by yeer, that is for to say Myghelmas, Candylmes and Wyssentyde by even portions. And yf so be þat þe said William Davbeney be behynde of ii payementes or by the rent of a hoole yeer of þe myce aforsaid it shall be lefull to the Mayre for þat tyme beyng, chamberlens and commens, to reentre on þe same soyle: Also þe said William Davbeney schall kepe tenauntabully, as it oweth for to be kepte, all maner of reparacions longyng & perteynyng to þe said myce with the appurtenaunce at hys owen propre costes & expences duryng all þe terme abouesaid, that is for to say by the hye way ii bayes of post[2], and pantre and a kechyn of a bay buttyng on þe same ii bayes: And at þe end and terme of LX yeer þe same William Davbeney schall leve þe said myce with þe appurtenaunce covenabully & tenauntabully as it oweth for to be: Also þe said Mayre, chamberlens and comens agayn all maner men schall waraunt & defende the said myce with the appurtenaunce to þe said William Davbeney, to his eyres & to his assignes by all þe terme abovesaid. In witnes of which the said William Wygston, Mayre of þe town aforsaid, chamberlens & comens haue sette the seall of þe office of the mayralte, and to the other part of þis endenture þe said William Davbeney haue sette his seall. Gyven at Leycestre the feste and yeer abouesaid.

[Seal; W. as in CLXXVI.]

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[1] Messuage.

[2] Here the space between two posts in a half-timbered building.

CLXXX. *Trespass against the Mayor.*

V.B. No. 48. [Aug. 25, 1449.] Acknowledgment of trespass against the Mayor. See above, CLXI., V.B. No. 43 [Mar. 21, 1410], for an entry in like terms.

CLXXXI. *Letter from Margaret of Anjou.*

Box F, No. 319[1]. [May 20, 1449.] Margarete by the grace of God Quene of England and of Fraunce and Lady of Irland, doughter of the Kyng of Sicile and Jerusalem. Be it knawen to all men to whom this present writyng endented shall come that where as a certeyn commission of my †fuldoutfull† lord was directed to certeyn persones to enquere as well of yevyng of lyvere as of other divers articles as in the seyd commission pleinly apperith, by force of which commission before the commissioners of the seyd commission, it was presented by William Neuby and other of our tenauntes of Leycestre, lawfully empanelled to enquere of the articles conteyned in the same commission, that certeyn persones in Leycestre had taken clothyng of diuersez persones ayenst the forme of the statut[2], that is to wete that some of hem had taken clothyng of the Viscount Beaumont & some of Sir Edward Grey lord Ferrers of Growby, & some of hem had taken clothyng of other divers persones, by cause of which presentment diverses persones some of the houshold of the seyd lord Ferrers, and some of the clothyng of the said lord, with other wele wilners to the said lord, as yet not to vs knawen, by supportacioun and favour and for pleasance to the said lord, as we ben enfourmed, by cause of the said presentement, betyn and sore woundetyn the said William Neuby and manesten[3] to bete other of our tenauntes of Leycestre[4] in semblable maner, and sithyn that tyme diversez personez longyng to the said lord Ferrers at diversez tymes have manassed[3] to bete diversez tenauntes and inhabitantes in our town of Leycestre: Also we ben enformed that the said lord, his servauntez and his welewillyng, at diversez tymes have hunted & doon grete hurt & harme to our

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[1] Cf. *Hist. MSS. Com.* 8th Report p. 414.

[2] Statute of Liveries and Maintenance, 13 Hen. IV. c. 3 etc.

[3] Menaced.

[4] Queen Margaret received the honour of Leicester as her dowry. *Rolls of Parl.* v. 118 a.

game in our lordship of Leycestre, as wele in our chaces as in our parkes there: We consideryng the pease & the wele of our tenauntes and of our chaces & parkes in our lordship of Leycestre, & the grete hurt & harme of the said William Neuby our tenaunt, ordeyne, deme and awarde that the said lord Ferrers for hym, & for those that betyn the said William Neuby, paye to the said William Neuby a c marcs of good money of England, that is to wete xl marcs the thrid day of Juyn next to come after the date of this our present awarde, & xx*li.* the thrid day of Juyn than next folowing and xx*li.* the thrid day of Juyn than next suyng, in amendement & satisfaccion for the betyng & woundyng of the said William Neuby: And that the said lord Ferrers be goode lorde to the said William Neuby & to all other tenauntes in our lordship of Leycestre, & that the said lord shall not geve any clothyng or lyverey to any persone dwellyng within our said lordship: Ne that the said lord mayntene ne support any persone dwellyng within our said lordship in eny forme agaynes the rule of our towne of Leycestre or agaynes the rule of any other place of our said lordship of Leycestre, and also that the said lord, his servauntes & tenauntes & all other that be toward hym kepe the peas ayenst all the tenauntes & inhabitantes of our said lordship & ayenst Thomas Farnham. And also we awarde that the sayd lord delyver to Lowys Fitz Lowys an obligacion, by the which the said Lowys was bounde vnto the said lord in xx*li.* for to eschewe the bodely hurt which was likly to have falle to oon William Pecok, a tenaunt to us of our lordship of Stebbyng, by the said lord or his servauntz & for non other cause, as we be credebly enformed. In witnesse of which thyng to this our present awarde we have made to putte our seall. Yeven the xx day of May the yere of the reigne of my most douted lord Kyng Henry the sext XXVII.

CLXXXII. *General Pardon.*

Box B, No. 327*. [Aug. 11, 1452.] A general pardon granted on Good Friday, 1452 (after Cade's rebellion and the King's reconciliation with the Duke of York), of which 144 copies were issued. The record is printed in Whethamsted's *Registrum*, I. 86 sqq., that sent to St Alban's being dated Aug. 12. Also, with translation, in *Nottingham Borough Records*, II. 209, that to Nottingham being dated Nov. 15. The Leicester copy has the conclusion "per ipsum Regem."

PRESTON.

[A large portion of the great seal in brown wax is appendant by a parchment tag.]

CLXXXIII. *Grant of Land to the Borough.*

Box F, Nos. 328, 329. [Sep. 19, 1452.] Grant from Henry Gyllowe of Leicester, butcher, to the Mayor and community of a messuage in Dead Lane between the lane called "le Croslane" which leads to St Peter's Church and the tenement, late John Hewett's, and stretching in length from the said lane to the land of John Glover, late Walter Lyndrich's, which Henry Gyllowe has of the feoffment of Thomas Charyte of Leicester and John Nutte of Cunston. Witnesses: Will. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Hynde (torn)[1], Ric. Hotoft esquire and bailiff of the town, John Raynold senior, Will. Neuby, Tho. Grene, draper, and Will. Walgrave.

[Seal: an H.]

CLXXXIV. *Borough Rental.*

Box K, No. 1453. [Sep. 29, 1452.] Rentale de Camera ville Leycestrie factum ibidem in festo S. Michaelis archangeli a.r.r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie XXXI., Ricardo Barlow et Roberto Mylner camerariis eiusdem ville, Willelmo Wymeswold Maiore existente ville predicte, pro hoc anno vsque ad idem festum tunc proxime †sequenc'† per vnum annum integrum.

First of Will. Clerk for cheef rent to be taken of þe place þat he dwelleth at the North Brygge sumtyme of John London, gyvyng yeerly 3*s.* 4*d.*[2]

Item of Rob. Walton, baker, for a place in the which he dwellet inne taken with reparacions, paying yeerly 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item Will. Tyson for a mece þat he holdys betwene þe North brygge, paying by yeer 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item of Annes Barbour for a mece in the North Gate late in the handys of Will. Welton taken by endenture, paying yeerly 4*s.*

Item of Nic. Clay for cheef rent to be taken of a tenement in þe North Gate, paying yeerly 2*s.*

Item of John Sclater for a tenement þe which he holdeth, late in the hands of Thomas Beseter, paying by yeer 10*s.*

Item Will. Dawbeney for a mece late in the hands of Tho. Pacy, taken with þe reparacion by endenturys, paying yeerly 10*s.*

Rental of the Chamber[3] of the town of Leicester made there at Michaelmas, 31 Hen. VI., Ric. Barlow and Rob. Milner being chamberlains of the said town, Will. Wymeswold being Mayor of the aforesaid town, for this year until the same feast then next following throughout one whole year.

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[1] This signature is omitted in No. 329.

[2] The MS. has Roman numerals.

[3] Or Treasury.

Item of John Taylour for a place late in the hands of Rob. Wymondham, paying yeerly 4*s.*

Item Annes Gaddysby for a cheef rent to be taken of 2 cottage there paying yeerly 1*s.* 6*d.* & 2 hennes.

Item þe same Annes for a pece of londe withinne hir close besyde Assh Lane late in the hands of Tho. Gadysby, paying by yeer 2*s.* & 1 henne.

Item John Tynker, wryght, for a mece þat he holdeth, paying yeerly 10*s.*

Item Will. Moorton for a pece of grounde in Senvygate, paying yeerly 1*s.*

Item 2 chambres over þe North yates, paying þerfor yeerly 5*s.*

Item Jenett Hykelyng for cheef rent to be taken of a place þat sche holdes at þe West yate 8*s.*

Item Will. Cook for 2 chambres with a gardyn over þe West ȝate, paying by yeer 2*s.* 4*d.*

Item Perys Clyderow for a place with a schoppe at þe South ȝate, paying þerfor yeerly 12*s.*

Item of a tenement bysyde þe forsaid place, þe which was sesed in þe hands of þe †Mayrs† & Comons of þe town of Leycestre for cheef rent ōf 3*d.*: yeldyng 2*s.*

Item Jenett Swyk for 2 buttys[1] of lond buttyng in Mylston Lane, paying by yeer 8*d.*

Item Martyn Taylour for a place þat he dwelleth inne [in] the hye strete, paying 12*s.*

Item Will. Richemound for a mece in Swynmarkett with a pece of grounde in the paryssh of Saint Margaret, taken by endentures for terme of yeres with reparacion, paying 8*s.*

Item Ric. Ogull for a place next þe hors mylne, paying by yeer 27*s.*

Item Richard Derwentwater for a cotage with a garden lygyng there by the town halle, takyn with reparacion by indenture, yeldyng by yeer 2*s.*

Item Nic. Algarkyrk for a cotage þere with a gardyn with reparacions by indenture 2*s.*

Item John Reynold senior for 2 chaumbres over þe Est yate, yeldyng by yeer 4*s.*

Item John Yoman for a plotte of grounde in the paryssh of Saint Margett late in the handys of Robert Whittowe, yeldyng by yeer 1*s.*

Item Symkyn Leyke for a plotte of grounde, paying by yeer 1*s.*

[1] Probably two short selions, see N.E.D.

Item John Sclater for a place þat he holdys in Belgraue gate paying þerfor by yeer 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item for a plotte of grovnde lygyng in Normandy[1] late in þe handes of Margett Steyn 6*d.*

Item for 2 plottys of grounde lygyng in Walker Croftes now they been unknowen.

Item Roger Clement for a plotte of grounde in the paryssh of Saynt Myghell 2*s.*

Item Will. Braddow for a plott of grounde yeldyng therfor 6*d.*

Item Gefray Adam, coruiser, for a cotage in Passion Lane 6*s.*

Will. Hygham for a tenement, paying by yeer 6*s.*

Item Nic. Algerkyrk for anoþer cotage there 6*s.*

Item Rob. Sadyller for a cotage in Frere Lane late of John Lowghbrowgh 5*s.*

Item for a cotage there late in the holdyng of John Lowghbrough 4*s.*

Item for a cotage ther yeldyng þerof by yeer 4*s.*

Item for a nother cotage yeldyng þerof by yeer 4*s.*

Item of þe wyf of Alen Sudbury for a place þat sche dwelleth inne 14*s.*

WHESTON.

First John Bodycote for a tofte & half a yerd of lond there 6*s.*

Item John Gent for a cotage and 3 acres of londe & a plot of medewe 4*s.*

Item Herry Foston for a mece with a yerd of lond & þe purtenaunce 13*s.* 4*d.*

Item John Husewyue for a mece with a yerd of londe & dim. 17*s.*

Item þe said John for a comen oven yeldyng by yeer 6*s.* 8*d.*

Item Thomas Glene for 2 meces with a yerd of lond & dim. 16*s.* 9*d.*

Item Herry Foston for half a yerde of londe late in þe holde of John Spenser 5*s.*

Item Ric. Elene for half a yerde lande late in þe hande of þe said John 5*s.*

Item Will. Stretton for a cotage with an acre of londe & a rode 3*s.* 6*d.*

Item þe same Will. for cheef rent to be taken of his tenementes 4*s.*

Item John Redford for a cotage with 3 acres land with pasture of 2 kye 2*s.*

Item John Mylner for a hors mylne & a mece taken for terme of yerys 1*s.* 6*d.*

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[1] See Normandy hyrne, p. 266.

Item John Webster for cheef rent to be taken of hys tenement 2*d.*
Item John Gamull for cheef rente to be taken of his tenement 1*d.*
Item John Skevyngton for þe same rente there q[a].
Item John Bodycote „ „ „ „

RADECLYFF.

D (blank) for a mece with certayn lands, medewes & pastures 10*s.*

THRUSSYNGTON.

Also Will. Fyssher for a mece with certayn lands, pastures & medewes 12*s.*

Redditus de terris et tenementis Maioris et communitatis ville Leycestrie[1].

First to (blank) for rent comyng owte of þe Duke of Lancastre for a tenement late of John Chyrch[2] 1*s.* 10*d.*

Item paid to þe said (blank) for a place in Swyn market next þe hors mylne 1*s.*

Item paid to (blank) for rent of diuerse londs & croftys in the paryssh of Saint Margets of Leycestre 1*s.* 10*d.*

Item to Will. Hulle for a tenement in the hygh strete next þe horne 1*s.*

Item paid to þe bayly of Wynchestre for sute of þe courte of Wynchestre for a tenement in Wheston 3*s.* 10*d.*

Item payde to þe abbott of Leycestre for a tenement in the North Gate in the which John Lesyngham dwelleth inne 6*d.*

Item payde to þe chanons of Saint Mary chyrche for cheef rent of 3 cotages in Passyon Lane by yeer 1*s.* 5*d.*

CLXXXV. *Admission to the confraternity of St Robert's, Knaresborough*[3].

Box F, No. 332. [1454.] Frater Ricardus minister domus Sancti Roberti iuxta Knaresburgh ordinis S. Trinitatis et redempcionis captivorum qui sunt incarcerati pro fide Jhesu Christi a paganis Nicholao

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Brother Richard minister of the house of St Robert near Knaresborough of the order of the Holy Trinity and ransom of captives who are imprisoned for the faith of Jesus Christ by pagans, to Nicholas Clay and Emmota his

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[1] Rent of lands and tenements of the Mayor and community of the town of Leicester (i.e. paid out by them).

[2] MS. Chyroh.

[3] Cf. *Nottingham Records*, III. p. 50 (note) and p. 537, a copy of a similar letter in another form.

Clay et Emote (blank) uxori sue salutem et sinceram in domino caritatem. Cum in privilegiis apostolicis per sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam nobis et ordini nostro predicto ab antiquis temporibus indultis et per eandem sedem de novo canonice confirmatis, inter cetera quedam specialia contineantur indulta continencie subsequentis: "Omnibus vere penitentibus et confessis qui ad sustentacionem dicti ordinis manus porrexerint adiutrices sex annos et octoginta dies de iniuncta penitencia relaxamus: Eciam concedimus quod omnes confratres et consorores dicti ordinis qui dederint certam quantitatem bonorum suorum et annuatim fratribus vel nunciis eiusdem ordinis beneficia persoluerint, possint sibi eligere annuatim ydoneum presbyterum in confessorem qui, eorum confessionibus diligenter auditis, eis pro commissis penitenciam impendere valeat salutarem, nisi talia sint propter que sedes apostolica sit merito consulenda: Et quilibet confrater habebit scriptum dicte fraternitatis et eidem sepultura ecclesiastica non negetur nisi nominatim fuerit excommunicatus": Nos vere deuocionis qua fraternitati dicti ordinis humiliter postulatis mancipari sincerum considerantes affectum, vos in confratrem et consororem dicti ordinis tenore presencium auctoritate nobis indulta admittimus et concedimus ut dictis et aliis privilegiis nostri ordinis confratribus eiusdem indultis secundum formam et effectum eorun-

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wife greeting and sincere esteem in the Lord. Whereas in the apostolical privileges granted to us and our order aforesaid from old times by the most holy apostolic see and confirmed of late canonically by the same see, among other matters certain special indulgences are contained of the following purport: "To all those truly penitent and confessed who shall extend helping hands to the maintenance of the said order we release six years and eighty days of the penance enjoined: Also we grant that all the co-brethren and co-sisters of the said order who shall give a certain quantity of their goods and shall pay yearly benefactions to the brethren or the messengers of the said order may choose for themselves yearly a suitable priest as confessor, who, having heard their confessions diligently, may grant them wholesome penance for their acts, unless they are of such sort that the apostolic see ought properly to be consulted: And each co-brother shall have a writing of the said fraternity and ecclesiastical burial shall not be denied to him unless he shall have been excommunicated by name": We, considering the sincere affection of the true devotion by which you humbly ask to be admitted to the fraternity of the said order, admit you as co-brother and co-sister of the said order by the tenour of these presents by the authority extended to us, and we grant that you may freely enjoy the said and other privileges of our order granted to the co-brethren of the same according to the form and effect of the

dem libere perfruamini vestrarum animarum ad salutem. †Aditimus† insuper vobis beneficium de gracia speciali quod cum in nostro conventuali capitulo post obitum vestrum presencium facta fuerit exhibicio litterarum eadem pro vobis fiet commendacio que pro fratribus nostris defunctis ibidem fieri consuevit. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in domo nostra predicta anno domini millesimo CCCC LIIII.

Annuatim iiii*d.* R. K.

CLXXXVI. *Order concerning the pleas of the community.*

V. B. No. 57. [Nov. 7, 1455.] Ad communem aulam apud Leycestriam coram Thoma Dalton iuniore tunc maiore et suis fratris ac tota communitate eiusdem ville die Veneris proxima post festum S. Leonardi abbatis a. r. r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie tricesimo quarto tentam, habita consideracione quod predictus Maior et †suos† fratres ac communitas volentes quasdam transgressiones et offensas per Ricardum Hotofte balliuum eiusdem ville ac seruientes suos prefatis maiori et fratribus ac communitati predicte in eadem factas corrigi, puniri et in melius ordinari, pro vtilitate et secundum consuetudinem ville predicte ab antiquo vsitatam[1]; predictus tamen Ric., volens ordinacionem predictam contradicere ac transgressiones et offensas predictas manutenere et sustentare, ex maliuolo corde et

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same for the health of your souls. We have added for you further the benefit of special grace that when in our convent-chapter after your death exhibition of these present letters shall be made, the same commendation shall be made for you as is wont to be made for our brethren deceased there. In witness whereof our seal is attached to these presents. Given in our house aforesaid in the year of our Lord 1454.

Yearly 4*d.* to Robert of Knaresborough.

At a common hall held at Leicester before Thomas Dalton junior then Mayor, and before his brethren, and all the community of the said town on Friday next after the feast of St Leonard the Abbot in the 34th year of the reign of King Henry the Sixth after the conquest of England, after consideration [it was agreed] that the aforesaid Mayor and his brethren and the community, wishing that certain trespasses and offences done by Ric. Hotoft, bailiff of the said town, and his serjeants to the aforesaid Mayor and brethren and community aforesaid should be corrected and punished in the same and ordered for the better, for the advantage and according to the custom of the town aforesaid used from of old; but the aforesaid Richard, wishing to refuse the aforesaid

[1] The entry is incomplete.

malicia dictum Maiorem et diuersos fratrum suorum ac communitatem predictam diuersimode iniuste indictauit ac in diuersis curiis domini Regis ipsos per eadem vexauit ac prosequi et vexari procurauit, ac in dies ipsos vexari, prosequi et perturbari facit et procurat, ad graue dampnum dicti Maioris et fratrum suorum ac communitatis predicte: Ac eciam si dictus Ric. imposterum vexet, †perturbat† seu prosequatur aut vexari, perturbari vel prosequi faciat aliquem morantem siue manentem in eadem villa in aliqua curia dicti domini Regis pro aliqua causa seu materia que per Maiorem et suos fratres ac communitatem ville predicte pro tempore existente videbitur eodem modo iniuste et maliciose moueri et sectari, ideo concordatum est et ordinatum per prefatum Maiorem et suos fratres ac communitatem predictam, quod tam omnimode materie et querele per prefatum Ricardum contra nunc Maiorem et diuersos suorum fratrum ac communitatem predictam sic iniuste mote, seu per procuracionem suam aliquo modo imposterum mouende, quam dicte materie seu querele similiter tempore futuro contra aliquem eiusdem ville proueniende in omnibus †tenentur† et manutenebuntur tanquam materie et querele tote communitati ville predicte tangentes et pertinentes: Et quod omnimode custume et expense que dictus Ric. fecit, seu imposterum fieri procurabit, sic iniuste solui et expendi ex causis predictis, per manus

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ordinance and continue and keep up the trespasses and offences aforesaid out of wickedness of heart and malice, unjustly indicted the said Mayor and divers of his brethren and the community aforesaid in divers ways, and in divers courts of the lord King he vexed them by the same, and procured their prosecution and vexation, and daily causes and procures them to be vexed, prosecuted and disturbed to the grave damage of the said Mayor and his brethren and the community aforesaid. And also if the said Ric. henceforth vexes, perturbs or prosecutes or causes to be vexed, perturbed or prosecuted anyone dwelling or abiding in the said town in any court of the said lord King for any cause or matter which shall appear to the Mayor and his brethren and the community of the town aforesaid for the time being to be in like manner unjustly and maliciously moved and sued, therefore it is agreed and ordained by the aforesaid Mayor and his brethren and the community aforesaid, that both all manner of matters and pleas thus unjustly moved by the said Richard against the now Mayor and divers of his brethren and the community aforesaid, or henceforth to be moved of his procuring in any way, and also the said matters or pleas likewise in future time to be moved against any of the said town, shall be held and maintained in all things as matters and pleas touching and pertaining to the whole community of the town aforesaid. And that all manner of customs and expenses which the said Ric. makes or henceforth shall procure to be made thus unjustly to be

Camerariorum eiusdem ville pro tempore existentium soluantur ac allocacionem inde in compoto suo de tempore in tempus habeant et exonerantur, aliqua ordinacione seu priuilegio inde in contrarium facto seu faciendo nonobstante[1].

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paid and spent for the causes aforesaid, shall be paid by the hands of the chamberlains of the said town for the time being, and they shall have allowance therefor and shall be discharged thereof in their account from time to time, any order or privilege to the contrary hereof made or to be made notwithstanding.

CLXXXVII. *Delivery of Seisin to the Borough.*

Box F, No. 334. [Aug. 1, 1458.] At the Court of the Lady Margaret Queen of England held at her Castle of Leicester on Tuesday the feast of St Peter which is called in chains, 36 Hen. VI., came Thomas Grene, draper, Mayor of the town of Leicester, and the commonalty before John Vic' Beaumont, Steward of the honour of Leicester, and there took from the Queen a piece of land lying in St Margaret's parish between the land late of Simon Kynnesman and that of Nic. Fisher, and stretching in width from the King's highway to the wall of Leicester; for 99 years, paying to the Queen, her heirs and ministers, i.e. to the bailiffs of Leicester for the time being, a barbed arrow at Michaelmas. Tenant to keep in repair.

R. Derwentwatre.

[Small seal: ?a bird.]

Box F, No. 335. [Same date.] A similar record concerning a piece of land formerly common entrance of the pond (commune stagni liminium) at the end of the West Bridge towards the East, 27 rods long and 7 wide. Rent 1*d.* to the Queen as above.

CLXXXVIII. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box F, No. 337. [Sep. 4, 1458.] Counterpart lease from Thomas Grene draper, Mayor of Leicester, and the commonalty of the town to John Sherman of Leicester, dyer, of a chamber over the West Gate with a piece of land annexed to the said Gate at the East end of the said Gate towards the North, containing in length 27 rods and in width 7 rods[2] from Michaelmas next for 99 years, rent 3*s.* 1*d.* Tenant to keep in repair.

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[1] Cf. above p. 225.

[2] Namely the piece of land referred to in No. 335 as above, CLXXXVII.

CLXXXIX. *Rental of the Chantry of Corpus Christi.*

Box 7, No. 176. [Sep. 30, 1458.] Rentale redditus Cantarie Corporis Christi et beate Marie virginis in ecclesia S. Martini in Leycestria factum in festo S. Ieronimi presbyteri a.r.r. Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie XXXVIII.[1]

Parochia S. Marie virginis.

De Joh. Paulmer pro crofto iuxta fontem S. Sepulcri[2] . ix*d.*
De Ric. Palett pro tenemento suo in Sorelane iuxta Castrum vi*d.*
De tenemento nuper Johannis Moreton in alta strata . vi*d.*
De uno gardino in Sorelane super cornerium nuper Laurencii Bate xii*d.*
De una pecia prati quondam Thome Sissoris iuxta Gocelyncroft[3] nunc domini Lovell . . . . . ii*s.*
De decano et capitulo Noui Collegii pro i tenemento in parochia S. Nicholai . . . . . xii*d.*
De eisdem pro tenemento super cornerium Sorelane in alta strata ii*s.*
De eisdem pro vi shopis super cornerium in Galtregate . ii*s.*

Parochie S. Nicholai, S. Petri et Omnium Sanctorum.

De vicario S. Nicholai pro ten' in quo manet . . .
De Thoma Innocent potter' pro ten' suo in Dedelane . xii*d.*
De tenemento Joh. Reynold senioris nuper Joh. Caumbryge ibidem xii*d.*
De Henrico Danke pro gardino iuxta Gaylhalle[4] . . vi*d.*
De magistro S. Johannis in Leycestrie pro gardino suo ibidem ix*d.*
De Thoma Tyell pro gardino suo in Sorelane extra portam borialem . . . . . ii*s.*

Parochia S. Margarete virginis.

De Margareta Sumley pro ten' suo in Belgrauegate . . v*s.*
De Alicia Ratclyffe pro ten' suo in quo manet in Humburstongate iii*s.*
De Thoma Spycer in foro sabbati pro i crofto in Normandyhyrne[5] iii*s.*
De Joh. Sleyke pro crofto in Belgrauegate . . . viii*s.*

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[1] Rental of the rent of the Chantry of Corpus Christi and of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church of St Martin in Leicester, made on the feast of St Jerome the priest, 38 Hen. VI.

[2] Pulcrewell, see p. 154.

[3] Goslingcroft.

[4] Guildhall.

[5] Hyrne = corner, nook.

Parochia S. Martini. Alta strata.

De Tho. Melburne pro ten' in quo manet Joh. Bellyng' iiii*s.* vi*d.*
De eodem pro ten' iuxta cimiterium Ecclesie S. Martini iiii*s.* vi*d.*
De Will. Wygeston pro ten' suo super cornerium in Frerelane iii*s.*
De Will. Smyht pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . xii*d.*
De Joh. Gyles pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . x*s.*
De Rog. Wygeston pro iiii tenementis in Hotegate xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
De eodem pro shopa nuper Ricardi Knygton . . . ii*s.*
De Johanna Charyte pro ten' [ubi] manet in Hotegate . v*s.*
De eadem pro ten' suo in Dedelane . . . iiii*s.* iii gall.
De Johanna Taylord pro iiii ten' in Kerkelane et in alta strata x*s.*
De abbathia de pratis Leycestrie pro ten' super cornerium in Kerkelane . . . . . ii*s.*
De Will. Hore pro ten' super cornerium in Hotegate . iii*s.*
De eodem pro ten' in Sorelane que ducit ad castrum . xii*d.*
De Joh. Whytewell pro ten' in quo manet et tenemento sibi annexo vi*s.*
De Will. Waldgrave de ten' in quo manet . . . x*s.*
De Joh. Danet pro ii shoppis nuper Thome Chapman v*s.* iiii*d.*
De tenemento in quo manet Johanna Hamond in Appulgate vi*s.*
De secundo tenemento ibidem in quo manet . . . vi*s.*
De tercio „ „ „ „ „ . . . vi*s.*

Porcorum Forum[1].

De Tho. Cook pro ten' in quo manet ad altam crucem[2] . xxii*s.*
De Joh. Cuteler pro ten' suo nuper Willelmi Broun . . v*s.*
De Joh. Reynold seniore pro ten' in quo manet Joh. Horlebait vi*s.*
De ten' quondam Ade Cook nunc autem Johannis Feldyng et diuiditur in ii tenementa . . . . . x*s.*
De Millisant Bube pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . x*s.*
De eadem pro ten' in Dedelane quod tenet de Cameria per indenturam[3] . . . . . iii*s.*
De Alicia Forster pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . v*s.*
De Amia Vylers „ „ „ in Hotegate xxiii*d.* ob.
De eadem pro hospicio quod vocatur Bell . . . . . x*s.*
De Agnete Bosse pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . iii*s.*
De iii ten' simul iacentibus nuper Willelmi Wynger . . vi*s.*
De Will. Smyth pro ten' in quo manet . . . vii*d.* ob.

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[1] Swinemarket. [2] High Cross.
[3] For a tenement in Dead Lane which she holds from the borough treasury by indenture.

De Will. Flecher pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . x*d.* ob.
De Ric. Corby „ „ „ „ . . . . . xii*s.*
De Tho. Gyles „ „ „ „ . . . . . iii*s.*
De Alicia Boter „ „ „ „ . . . . . v*s.*
De iiii tenementis insimul iacentibus nuper Johannis Cook viii*s.*
De Hospicio quod vocatur Gorge[1] . . . . . vi*d.*
De Rad. Furnesse pro ten' in quo manet . . . ix*s.* vi*d.*
De eodem pro alio ten' in Shepemarket . . . . . vi*d.*
De Pet. Wynwod pro ten' in quo manet . . . xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
De Will Pattenmaker pro ten' in quo manet . . „ „
De Rob. Sysson pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . xl*s.*
De Joh. Belgrave de Belgrave pro ten' in quo manet Joh. Burges xii*d.*
De Joh. Garett pro ten' in quo manet . . . . xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
De Joh. Webester pro ten' in quo manet . . .
De Joh. Moke „ „ „ „ . . .
De Grangia Abbatis de Crowland in Parchement lane[2] .

Forum Ouium[3].

De Ric. Yates pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . x*s.*
De eodem pro gardino in Soperlane . . . . . vi*d.*
De Joh. Wyllemott pro ten' in quo manet . . . iii*s.*
De Joh. Prestdeod „ „ suo ibidem . . . . . xii*d.*
De Joh. Morwod pro ten' in quo manet Joh. Drate . vi*s.* iii*d.*
De eodem pro ten' in quo manet . . . . . iii*s.*
De tenemento Johanne Yates ibidem . . . . iiii*s.*
De eadem Johanna pro ten' in quo manet Rob. Flecher . vi*d.*
De Tho. Joe pro tenemento super cornerium le Gentyllane v*s.*
De Agnete Marche pro ten' in quo manet . . . iii*s.*
De Alicia Charite „ „ „ „ . . . iii*s.*
De tenemento nuper in tenura Johannis Hamond . . x*s.*
De Will. Campe pro ten' in quo manet . . . xiii*s.* iiii*d.*

Extra portam Orientalem.

De Joh. Roberd pro ten' in quo manet[2] . . . . .
De Joh. Mathew „ „ „ „ . . . . .
De Joh. Grene draper pro ten' in quo manet . . .
De eodem pro tenemento nuper Willelmi Howgh . .
De Joh. Wyttow pro ten' in quo manet . . . .

[1] The inn which is called the George. [2] Rents effaced by damp.
[3] Sheep-market.

De Joh. Wythebroke pro shopa in le cheker . . .
De Joh. Sqwere pro ten' ibidem . . . . . xs.
De terris et croftis Margarete Grene et Agnetis sororis eius. vis.

Forum Sabbati.

De Rog. Catheskyn pro ten' in quo manet . . . xxs.
De Rob. Shyrryngham pro ten' nuper Rogeri Clarke . iis.
De Katerina Clarke pro ten' in tenura Ricardi Clarke iis. i gall.
De Laur. Mason pro ten' in quo manet . . . . xiis.
De Matilda Broun „ „ „ „ . . . iiiis. vid.
De Will. Chaloner „ „ „ „ . . . . xiid.
De Joh. Walasse „ „ „ „ Malare gentilman iiiis.
De eodem pro gardino super murum ville . . . xviiid.
De ten' nuper Johannis Mayl . . . vd. qa. gall. et gallin.
De Ric. Clarke pro ten' suo in le Canke . . . . vs.
De noua camera iuxta cimiterium S. Martini . . . iiiis.
De ten' in quo manebat vicarius S. Martini ibidem . iiis. iiiid.

[vo.] (Notes of arrears of rent.) Rob. Sysson owes 48s. 6d. of which Will. Blower paid 18s. 10d. for surplices and books sold to him by the said Rob. Sysson.

Note that John Gyles owes for wax burnt on the day of his wife's burial by statute made and approved among the brethren of the said Chantry (Corpus Christi) 4s. (John Reynold, senior, similarly.)

Rog. Wigston, John Roberd, Ric. Pyngyll, stewards.

(A few payments almost effaced.)

CXC. *Grant to the Borough in return for masses.*

Locked Book, p. 5[1]. [12 Feb., 1459.] It is to haue in mynde that John Frysley of Leycestre, burgeys, cam in to the Court of Portmanmoot of Leycestre the Monday next afore the fest of Saint Valentine in the yeer of the regne of Kyng Herry the sixte after the conquest of England XXXVII. afore John Reynold thelder, at that tyme beyng Maire of the said toun, and his bretherne, and ther wilfully[2], devotely & holely, having in mynde the vnstablenes of his present lyf, and also the insecurite of people lefte after a mannes present lyf in ministracion of his temporel goodes anything[3], to the helthe of his sowle and also the grete wirship & pleasir to the Maire for the tyme beying and alle his bretherne, hath gyven & graunted to the Mairalte of Leycestre, perpetuelly to endure, certayne lyflode[4]

[1] Cf. Nichols IV. 1, App. p. 373.

[2] voluntarily.

[3] I.e. the insecurity of people to whom anything is left after a man's present life in the ministration of his temporal goods.

[4] income.

and tenement, as in diuerse dedis & miniments þerof made more playnly, doth vnder this condicion appere that foleweth, that is to saye the Maire for the tyme beyng shall fynde a prest perpetuelly to synge for the sowles of the said John Frysley, his wyf, his fadir & modir, the Maire, his brether [now[1]] for the tyme [now] beyng [& yn tyme to come schal be] and all his benefactours. And if it so happen the Maire for the tyme beyng [or that shal be in tym to come] be necligent & no prest will haue, then the feffours the which ben [or schal be][2] feffed in the said lyflode & tenement shall hire a prest to syng, saye & praye for the helthe of the sowles of the said John Frysley, his wyf, his fadir & modir, the Maire, his bretherne nowe for the tyme beyng & in tyme to come shall be, and alle his benefactours in the chirche were[3] the bones of the said John liggeth, as long as the Maire for the tyme beyng is withoute a prest. Also the said Maire, which for the tyme shall be, with the pervenues comyng and growing of the said lyflode and tenement shall yeerly paye & content the said prest his salery and kepe alle maner reparacions necessarie longyng & perteynyng to the said lyflode and tenement by the provision & good advice of the said feoffes[4]. And if it so happon that the said Maire for the tyme beyng will no prest fynde, thenne it shall be lefull to the seid feoffers to fynde a prest and to paye hym his salery, as is aforne rehersed, and with the overplus make & kepe reparacions as ferre as it will extende. And also the said John Frysley willeth and streytely chargeth the feoffes which been feoffed in the said liflode and tenement that they make newe feoffes, after iii or iiii of theym been decesed, or here after shall decese[5], so that the seid lyflode and tenement may be conveyed fro man to man evermore to endure, by cause that[6] no heire, issue nor dower comyng of the said feoffes shuld not inherite nor entre in the forseid lyflode and tenement in tyme to come.

CXCI. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box F, No. 340. [Sep. 22, 1460.] This indenture berith wyttnes that Wylliam Wygston, Mayre of the towne of Leycestre, Roger Wygston, John Robard, chamburlayns, and the comons of the same towne hath graunted and to ferme haue laten vnto Richard Burges of Leycestre, mercer, a wyndow set on the West end of the Est gate of Leycestre, conteyning on lenthe v fote and half, and on brede iiii fote

[1] [ ] added above the line.
[2] Corr. from *is*.
[3] where.
[4] feoffees.
[5] *deceses* MS.
[6] in order that.

by the standard of the Kyng, to haue and to hold the seyd wyndow to the forsayd Richard and to his assignes, from the fest of Seint Michaell the archaungell next to come aftir the date of thes indenturs unto the end of the terme of XL yeres thanne next folwyng and trewly to be performed, yeldyng and payng therfor yerely to the Mayre, Chamburlayns & Comons of the towne of Leycestre for the tyme beyng iiii*d.* sterlyng at iii termes of the yere in the towne of Leycestre vsed, by euen porcions. And if it so happin that the rent forsayd of iiii*d.* yerely to be behind not payd by XX dayes after that any hole yere be gone, that thanne it shalbe lefull to the Maire, Chamburlayns & Comons for the tyme beyng on the sayd wyndow to distrayne and the distressis so taken to be borne away and wytholdin vnto the tyme that the rent forsayd with the arreragis, if therbe any, be fully satisfyed and payd and if no sufficiaunt distres on the sayd wyndow con be found, that than it shalbe lefull to the sayd Mayre, Chamburlains & Comons for the tyme beyng to reentre on the seyd wyndow and on there first state to stond, thes indenturs not withstonding. And also the forsayd Maire, Chamburlayns & Comons the forsaid wyndow with apportenaunce to the forsaid Richard and to his assignes agayne all maner of men shall warant & defend, during the terme abovesaid. In wittnes of wiche the seyd Richard Burges to the parte of this indenture hath sette his seall. Geven at Leycestre the XXII day of Septembre the yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the sext aftir the conquest of Englond XXXIX.

[Seal: a merchant's mark.]

CXCII. *Value of the Lord's perquisites in Leicester.*

Box G, No. 348[1]. [? 1462–3.] Le value des terres mon tres redoutez seignour Johan Duc de Guyen et de Lancastre desouth laudit Thomas Herdwick lan seszismes XVIme anno XVI.

Value of the lands of my most dread lord John Duke of Guienne and of Lancaster under the audit of Thomas Hardwick in the 16th year[2].

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[1] Copy c. 1604.

[2] Of Richard II., 1392–3.

Leycestre

Vaut en rent assise cest an xxxvii*li.* xvi*s.* vi*d.* Ferme des schopes et seldes xxvii*li.* ix*s.* iii*d.* Custume des fullers xi*s.* Purchaces des courtz des fairs xi*s.* viii*d.* Purchaces des courtz de pipoudres lxv*s.* viii*d.* Fines des †bracetos† appelle Canmole x*li.* ii*s.* v*d.* Purchaces des portmotes cxiiii*s.* xi*d.* Purchaces des viewes vi*li.* xviii*d.* ob. Fines pour defaut des viewes lxxv*s.* iiii*d.* Fines des pestours pour assise du payne iiii*li.* ii*s.* ix*d.* Fines pour trespas faite encontre le peas vi*li.* xx*d.* Chateux forfaitz cest an iiii*li.* x*s.* v*d.*—cx*li.* iii*s.* i*d.* ob.

Dont en fee del baillif iiii*li.* et pur sa robe xv*s.* iiii*d.* fee del clerc del ville †vne†[1] son parchemyn xliii*s.* iiii*d.* Fee des iiii subballifes et pour leur vesture xxvi*s.* viii*d.* Expense du baillif, son clerk et iiii subbalifes v*s.* Allower dun home portant et mettant les schamelles le iour du market x*s.* Allowance du rent del College de Newerk xv*s.* vi*d.* Deschee et diminution du rent cest an xxxiii*s.* xi*d.* Allowance du rent a terme de vie de doun Monsieur lxxiiii*s.* viii*d.* Coustages des schopes en la ville cest an xxv*s.* vii*d.*—xxi*li.* Et vaut du clier iiii^{xx} ix*li.* iii*s.* i*d.* ob.

Leicester

Is worth in assized rent this year £37. 16*s.* 6*d.* Farm of shops and booths £27. 9*s.* 3*d.* Custom of fullers[2] 11*s.* Perquisites of the courts of Fairs 11*s.* 8*d.* Perquisites of the courts of Piepowder[3] £3. 5*s.* 8*d.* Fines of the brewers called Canmoll[4] £10. 2*s.* 5*d.* Perquisites of Portmoots £5. 14*s.* 11*d.* Perquisites of the Views[5] £6. 1*s.* 6½*d.* Fines for neglect of the Views £3. 15*s.* 4*d.* Fines of the bakers for the Assize of Bread £4. 2*s.* 9*d.* Fines for trespass made against the peace £6. 1*s.* 8*d.* Chattels forfeited this year £4. 10*s.* 5*d.*—£110. 3*s.* 1½*d.*

Whereof in the bailiff's fee £4 and for his gown 15*s.* 4*d.*; fee of the town-clerk with his parchment £2. 3*s.* 4*d.* Fee of the four sub-bailiffs and for their clothing £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* Expense of the bailiff[6], his clerk and four sub-bailiffs 5*s.* Allowance of a man carrying and setting up the shambles on market-day 10*s.* Allowance of the rent of the College of the Newark 15*s.* 6*d.* Decay and diminution of rent this year £1. 13*s.* 11*d.* Allowance of rent for term of life by gift of my lord £3. 14*s.* 8*d.* Costs of shops in the town this year £1. 5*s.* 7*d.*—£21. And it is worth clear £89. 3*s.* 1½*d.*

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[1] For *ove.* [2] Walkermoll, see above, No. CXIX. p. 156.

[3] Summary court of justice of fairs to try suits arising out of the dealings at the fair for which it sat.

[4] See above, I. p. 207. [5] Views of Frankpledge. [6] Called Steward below.

La value des terres nostre tresredoute sire le Roy de sa duchee de Lancastre es parties del North desouth laudit John Donington parentre le fest de seint Michel lan du roy Richard second puis le conquest Dengleterre XXIII tanque mesme le fest proschein ensuant lan du Roy Henry quart primere pour vn an entier.

LEICESTRE.

Vaut en rent par an xxxvii*li.* xix*s.* iii*d.* Firme des shoppes et chamelles xxiiii*li.* xvii*s.* xi*d.* Firme des fournes iiii*li.* xviii*s.* viii*d.* Ferme des molynes viii*li.* Chateux forfaitz vi*li.* xvi*d.* Perquisites des Courtes de pipoudre, portmotes et Canmole xxxi*li.* xii*s.* x*d.*—cxiii*li.* x*s.*

Dont en allouer del bailliff iiii*li.* Et pur sa robe xv*s.* iiii*d.* Allouance de clerk ouesque son parchemyn xliii*s.* iiii*d.* Allouer des iiii subballifes ouesque lour vesture cvi*s.* viii*d.* Allouer dun home mettant les chamelles le iour du market x*s.* Expenses du Seneschal, son clerk et ses iiii subbaillifes v*s.* Allouance du rent al college de Newerk par an xv*s.* vi*d.* Desche du rent xxxiii*s.* xi*d.* Allouance de rent a terme de vie par lettre du †garr.† iiii*li.* x*s.*—xix*li.* xix*s.* ix*d.* Et vaut du clier iiii^{xx} xiii$^{li.}$ x*s.* iii*d.*

The value of the lands of our dread lord the King of his Duchy of Lancaster of the Northern parts under the audit of John Donington, between the feast of St Michael the 23rd year of King Richard the Second[1] since the conquest of England until the same feast next following, in the first year of King Henry IV., for one whole year.

LEICESTER.

Is worth in rent by year £37. 19*s.* 3*d.* Ferm of shops and shambles £24. 17*s.* 11*d.* Ferm of ovens £4. 18*s.* 8*d.* Ferm of mills £8. Forfeited chattels £6. 1*s.* 4*d.* Perquisites of Courts of Piepowder, Portmoots and Canmoll £31. 12*s.* 10*d.*—£113. 10*s.*

Whereof in the bailiff's allowance £4. And for his gown 15*s.* 4*d.* Allowance of the clerk with his parchment £2. 3*s.* 4*d.* Allowance of four sub-bailiffs with their clothes £5. 6*s.* 8*d.* Allowance of a man setting up the shambles on market-day 10*s.* Expenses of the Steward, his clerk and his four sub-bailiffs 5*s.* Allowance of rent to the College of the Newark yearly 15*s.* 6*d.* Decay of the rent £1. 13*s.* 11*d.* Allowance of rent for term of life by letter of warranty (?) £4. 10*s.*—£19. 19*s.* 9*d.* And is worth clear £93. 10*s.* 3*d.*

[1] John of Gaunt died Feb. 3, 1399. Sep. 29, 1399 was the last day of the reign of Richard II.

Loffice du Port[er]. Vaut en rent ciii*s*. ii*d*. ob. La pescherie de Sore xl*s*. Perquisites des courtes xxv*s*. x*d*.—viii*li*. ix*s*. ob. Dont en rent resolut al abbe de Leycestre iii*s*. Et as canons del eglise de Seint Marie ioust le Castell xii*d*. Allouance du rent, xxi*s*. ix*d*. Gages del port[er] le iour i*d*., xxx*s*. iiii*d*.—lvi*s*. i*d*. Et vaut du clier cxii*s*. xi*d*. ob.

Leicestre.

Compotus Thome Hivet et Johannis Benet deputatorum Johannis Norreys armigeri ballivi ibidem in vigilia S. Michaelis archangeli a.r.r. Henrici sexti XVIII vsque eandem vigiliam extunc proximo sequentem anno regni eiusdem domini regis XIX per vnum annum integrum.

Firma Sheldarum, Shamellorum cum consuetudine fullonum et extrahurarum ibidem. Et de lxx*s*. iiii*d*. de firma veterum shamellorum hoc anno vt constat per parcellas in quodam rotulo pergameni parcellatim specificatas super hunc compotum examinatas et inter memoranda huius compoti remanentes, totum in anno regis nunc secundo ad lxxviii*s*. viii*d*. et in annis tunc precedentibus ad iiii*li*. xiii*s*. iiii*d*. Et de vi*li*. ii*s*. de firma nouorum shamellorum in quadam domo de novo edificata in foro diei Sabbati contentorum, viz. de quolibet qui steterit in eadem

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Office of the Porter. It is worth in rent £5. 3*s*. 2½*d*. The fishery of the Soar £2. Perquisites of courts £1. 5*s*. 10*d*.—£8. 9*s*. 0½*d*. Whereof in rent paid back to the Abbot of Leicester 3*s*. And to the Canons of the Church of St Mary next the Castle 1*s*. Allowance of rent £1. 1*s*. 9*d*. Wages of the porter, by day 1*d*., £1*s*. 10*s*. 4*d*.—£2. 16*s*. 1*d*. And is worth clear £5. 12. 11½*d*.

Leicester.

Account of Thomas Hivet and John Benet deputies of John Norreys esquire bailiff there, on the eve of St Michael the archangel in the 18th year of the reign of Henry VI. until the same vigil then next following in the 19th year of the reign of the said lord King for one whole year.

Ferm of the Shops and Shambles with the custom of Fullers and Strays there. And of £3. 10*s*. 4*d*. of the ferm of the old shambles this year as appears by parcels specified in a certain roll of parchment parcel by parcel, examined for this account and remaining among the memoranda of this account, all in the second year of the now King at £3. 18*s*. 8*d*., and in the years then preceding at £4. 13*s*. 4*d*. And of £6. 2*s*. of the ferm of the new shambles contained in a certain house newly built in the Saturday Market, namely from each which stood in that house 1½*d*. as appears by similar parcels contained

domo *id.* ob. vt patet per consimiles parcellas in eodem rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes modo quo supra, totum in anno regis nunc secundo ad viii*li.* xv*s.* Et antea ad maiores summas. Et de c*s.* receptis de tabellis et shamellis in eadem domo in foro sabbati sic dimissis diuersis tenentibus ibidem hoc anno, prout constat per consimiles parcellas in quodam alio rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes vt supra, nuper ad maiores summas. Et de xxx*s.* receptis de firma dicte domus de diuersis pannariis pro tabulis habendis ad pannos suos ibidem vendendos[1] hoc anno. Et de ix*li.* v*s.* iiii*d.* de firma sheldarum et shoparum in foro existentium sic dimissarum hoc anno vt patet per consimiles parcellas in eodem rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes vt supra cum xii*d.* pro stacione subtus Collistrigium, totum in anno secundo Regis nunc ad xi*li.* xi*s.* viii*d.* Et antea ad maiores summas. De xx*s.* nuper de firma prisone infra le Tolleboth nihil hoc anno quia non occupatur per vic[es] per tempus compoti, sed de viii*s.* receptis de consuetudine octo †fullatarum† quorum quilibet dat per annum xii*d.*, tamen in annis precedentibus ad xv*s.* Et de nihil de vagis et extrahuris ibidem accidentibus hoc anno sic appreciatis et venditis et non plus per testimonium super hunc compotum, cum nuper ad maiores summas.—Summa xxv*li.* xv*s.* viii*d.*

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in the said roll, examined and remaining as above, all in the second year of the now King at £8. 15*s.* And formerly at higher sums. And of £5 received from the tables and shambles thus let in the said house in the Saturday Market to divers tenants there this year as appears by similar parcels contained in a certain other roll examined and remaining as above, formerly at higher sums. And of £1. 10*s.* received of the ferm of the said house from divers clothiers for having tables for selling their cloth there this year. And of £9. 5*s.* 4*d.* of the ferm of booths and shops being in the market so demised this year as appears by similar parcels contained in the same roll, examined and remaining as above, with 1*s.* for the station under the pillory, all in the second year of the now King at £11. 11*s.* 8*d.* And formerly at higher sums. Of £1 late of the ferm of the prison under the Tollbooth nothing this year because it is not occupied at any time during the period of the account, but of 8*s.* received of the custom of eight fullers of whom each gives yearly 1*s.*, but in the years preceding at 15*s.* And for nothing from waifs and strays occurring there this year so appraised and sold, and not more by witness on this account, whereas formerly at higher sums.—Total £25. 15*s.* 8*d.*

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[1] MS. pendend'. See p. 277.

Feoda et Vadia Ministrorum. De quibus computa[n]t in feodo Johannis Norreys scutiferi cui dominus Rex nunc per litteras suas patentes datas in prioratu de Marton XXVI die Maii anno regni sui XV x*s*. Et in stipendio Willelmi Kettleby custodis †Shamellos† in foro Sabbati tent' pro proficuo Regis prout allocatum est x*s*.

Compotus Ricardi Hotoft armigeri balliui ibidem per Johannem Reynold Juniorem deputatum suum in vigilia S. Michaelis a. r. r. Henrici sexti XX^mo^, vsque eandem vigiliam anno eiusdem regis XXI^mo^ computatum per vnum annum integrum.

Firma Sheldarum, Shamellorum cum consuetudine fullonum et extrahurarum ibidem. Et de lxvii*s*. de firma veterorum shamellorum hoc anno vt constat per parcellas in quodam rotulo pergameni parcellatim specificatas super hunc compotum examinatas et inter memoranda huius anni remanentes, tamen in anno proximo precedente ad lxxi*s*. iiii*d*. et in anno regis nunc secundo ad lxxviii*s*. viii*d*., necnon in annis tunc precedentibus ad iiii*li*. xiii*s*. iiii*d*. Et de iiii*li*. vii*s*. de firma nouorum shamellorum in quadam domo de novo edificata in foro diei Sabbati contentorum, viz. de quolibet qui steterit in eadem domo i*d*. ob. per diem vt constat per consimiles parcellas in eodem rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes modo quo supra, tamen in anno regis nunc secundo ad viii*li*. xv*s*. et antea

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Fees and Wages of Ministers. Of which they account in the fee of John Norris esquire to whom the lord now King by his letters patent dated in the Priory of Merton on the 26th day of May in the 15th year of his reign 10*s*. And in the stipend of Will. Kettleby keeper of the shambles in the Saturday Market held for the profit of the King in such wise as is allowed 10*s*.

Account of Ric. Hotoft esquire bailiff there, by John Reynold junior, his deputy, on the eve of St Michael in the 20th year of the reign of King Henry VI. till the same vigil in the 21st year of the said King, accounted for one whole year.

Ferm of Shops, Shambles, with the custom of Fullers and Strays there. And of £3. 7*s*. of the ferm of the old shambles this year as appears by parcels specified parcel by parcel in a certain roll of parchment, examined on this account and remaining among the memoranda of this year, but in the year last preceding at £3. 11*s*. 4*d*. and in the second year of the now King at £3. 18*s*. 8*d*., and in the years then preceding at £4. 13*s*. 4*d*. And of £4. 7*s*. of the ferm of the new shambles contained in a certain house newly built in Saturday Market, namely from each one standing in that house 1½*d*. by day as appears by similar parcels contained in the said roll, examined and remaining as above, but in the second year of the now King at

ad maiores summas. Et de vi*li.* xii*d.* de tabulis et shamellis in eadem domo in foro Sabbati sic dimissis diuersis tenentibus ibidem hoc anno prout constat per consimiles parcellas in quodam alio rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes vt supra, tamen nuper ad maiores summas. Et de xxxii*s.* de firma dicte domus de diuersis pannariis pro tabulis habendis ad pannos suos ibidem vendendos hoc anno. Et de vii*li.* xi*s.* iiii*d.* de firma sheldarum et shopparum in foro existentium sic dimissarum hoc anno vt patet per consimiles parcellas in eodem rotulo contentas, examinatas et remanentes vt supra, cum xii*d.* pro stacione subtus collistrigium, tamen in anno proximo precedente ad ix*li.* iiii*s.* vi*d.* et in anno regis nunc secundo ad xi*li.* xi*s.* viii*d.* et antea ad maiores summas. De xx*s.* nuper de firma prisone infra le Tolleboth nichil hoc anno quia non occupatur per vic[es] per (imperfect).

Endorsed: Auditors accomptes shewing yat in the time of Richard 2 & from time to time since stallage hath been collected yea even moveable stalles as by this appears[1].

£8. 15*s.*, and formerly at higher sums. And of £6. 1*s.* from the tables and shambles in the said house in the Saturday Market so let to divers tenants there this year as appears by similar parcels contained in a certain other roll, examined and remaining as above, but formerly at higher sums. And of £1. 12*s.* of the ferm of the said house from divers clothiers for having tables for selling their cloth there this year. And of £7. 11*s.* 4*d.* of the ferm of booths and shops being in the market so let this year as appears by similar parcels contained in the said roll examined and remaining as above, with 1*s.* for the station under the pillory, but in the year last preceding at £9. 4*s.* 6*d.* and in the second year of the now King at £11. 11*s.* 8*d.*, and formerly at higher sums. Of £1 formerly of the ferm of the prison under the Tollbooth nothing this year because not occupied at any time during...

CXCIII. *Grant to the Borough.*

Locked Book[2], p. 5. [May 3, 1461.] It is to haue in mynde that John Reynold the Elder of Leycestre burgez, the iii day of May in the first yere of the reyne of King Edward the fourth, of beneuolent and feithfull hert for the goodly zele and effectuall pleasure that he

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[1] MS. pz. The endorsement is in a later hand.

[2] Cf. Nichols, IV. 1, App. p. 373.

had vnto the honourable and worshipfull office of Mairalte of the towne of Leycestre, the which was be him iiii sondry yerez mynstred and occupied, gaf and graunted vnto the Mairalte forsaid perpetually a tenement in the high strete of Leycestre by the high Crosse there set betwene the tenement of John Roberdz in the parte of the South and the tenement of John Danet in the parte of the North, as in dedis & certeyne myniments thereof made playnly apperith: To haue & to hold the said tenement with the pertenaunce to the Mairalte of the towne of Leycestre perpetualli in maner and forme in al & singuler condicions, meanez and rulez, as the livelode, londez & tenementz late of John Frisley aboue specified were geven[1] by the seid John Frisley vnto the office of Mairalte of the towne of Leycestre aforsaid etc.

CXCIV. *Leases from the Borough.*

Box G, No. 345[2]. [Jan. 20, 1462.] Counterpart lease from Rob. Rawlot, Mayor, and John Glover and Tho. Frisby Chamberlains, with the consent of the commons of the town, letting to John Byston late of Quorndon (Qwarrendon) miller, a tenement set without the North Gate between the tenement of Will. Stafford on the North and that of the Mayor and commonalty of the town on the South, and stretching from the lane sometime called Bukston lane; for 40 years; for 8*s.* a year. The Mayor, chamberlains and commons may distrain for arrears. Tenant to repair. The said John "shall make or do to be made within the ground of the seid tenement of newe a overthwart [h]ous conteyning ii bayes with his propur power & expenses." (Sealing clause.)

[Seal: P.]

Box G, No. 346. [Sep. 20, 1462.] Lease from the Mayor and community to Ric. Reynold "Toune clerk" of a long house in the same, whereof parcell is called "le Storehouse," and a garden adjacent, now in the tenure of the said Richard, where now grow apples and pears and other trees. The house is situate in the parish of St Nicholas between the hall called "le Town halle" on the North and a garden of Robert Green's in the tenure of Ric. Cardemaker on the South, and the king's highway called "le Holibones" on the West; and the said garden in the tenure of Ric. Reynold stretches in length from the said house to the garden of the Abbot of Leicester in the tenure of the said Richard on the East and in width from Rob. Grene's garden to the said garden called "le Townehall garden"; for 99 years; at 6*s.* a year. Witnesses: Rob. Rawlot, Mayor, Tho. Grene, draper, Ralph Furnes, John Pacy, John Giles, Ric. Yates, Rob. Grene, John Reynold, Will. Lemyngton, Jurats; John Glover and Tho. Frisby, Chamberlains; John Roberds and Tho. Drake, deputies of Peter Curteis, bailiff; Tho. Bowyer, Joh. Standishe, Tho. Halle, John Drayte, John Gaddesby, John Tynker, Ric. Clement, John Barbor, Will. Chauncy, Will. Boteler, Sim. Broke and John Benyson.

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[1] See No. cxc.

[2] In English.

CXCV. *Letters patent of Edward IV. granting an annuity*[1].

Locked Book, p. 7. [5 May, 1462[2].] Edward IV., "In consideration of the good and faithful and unpaid service which the Mayor and burgesses of our town of Leicester have cheerfully rendered of late in our behalf against our enemies hostilely raising war against us, as also of the heavy burden of their no small losses incurred touching such business of ours," grants that they receive twenty marks yearly for themselves the now Mayor and burgesses, the said twenty marks to be paid yearly from the feast of St Michael next following for the term of twenty years from the issues, of "our honour or demesne of Leicester by the hands of the receivers and farmers or others, occupying there."

"Given under the seal of our duchy of Lancaster at our town of Leicester."

By letter under the signet.

CXCVI. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box G, No. 347. [Sep. 20, 1462.] Lease from the Mayor and community to Will. Norman, butcher, of a tenement in the street called "le Northgate" set between the tenement of Tho. Owthorp on the North and that of John Glover on the South and stretching from the king's highway called "le Northgate" to the lane called Bukstone lane; for 20 years; at 8*s*. a year. Witnesses, Rob. Rawlot, Mayor, Tho. Grene, draper, Will. Lemyngton, Jurats, and John Glover and Tho. Frisby, chamberlains, John Roberds and Tho. Drake, deputies of Peter Curteise, bailiff.

[Seal, a merchant's mark.]

CXCVII. *Copy of a Specimen Charter of Incorporation.*

Locked Book, p. 17. [March 8, 1463.] Edward IV. grants to Henry Fayrehed, Alderman of Winchelsea[3], and the burgesses and their successors such franchises that it shall be a corporate community in fact and name under the name of the Alderman and Burgesses.

CXCVIII. *Conveyance to the Borough.*

Locked Book, p. 15. [Oct. 18, 1463.] Grant from Thomas Taylor, son and heir of John Taylor, late of Whetstone, to the Mayor and community of an annual rent of sixpence issuing from his lands, meadows and pastures in the town and fields of Scraptoft. Witnesses: Peter Curtes bailiff, Will. Webster of Whetstone, Tho. Bodicote, John Dente and Rob. Bedford of the same.

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[1] Nottingham and Northampton received similar grants in reduction of their ferms in this reign. See below for Richard III.'s grant.

[2] Cf. Nichols, IV. 1, App. p. 373.

[3] Over Grantham deleted.

CXCIX. *Letters Patent of Edward IV.*

Box B, No. 357[1]. Box G, No. 358[2]. Hall Book, p. 209[3]. [Aug. 24, 1464.] Edward by the grace of God (etc.) to all who shall receive the present letters greeting. Know that we, desiring the security and quiet of our well beloved lieges the Mayor and burgesses of our town or borough of Leicester, have granted for us and our heirs as far as in us is, and by these presents we grant to John Yoman, now Mayor of the said town or borough, and to the burgesses of the same and their successors for the time being, that such Mayor and four of the discreeter comburgesses of the said town or borough, to be chosen and nominated in the following form, so long as they shall occupy such offices of mayoralty or burgess-ship, with one learned in the law to be named for ever the Recorder of Leicester, shall be the Justices of the Peace of us and our heirs within the town or borough aforesaid and the precincts and limits of the said town or borough, and also to keep and cause for ever to be kept the statutes and ordinances issued concerning artificers and labourers; and that the said Mayor and four comburgesses of the said town or borough for the time being, three or two of them, with the said Recorder, shall have full correction, punishment, power and authority of knowing, enquiring, hearing and determining all matters and causes both concerning all felonies, trespasses, misprisions and extortions as also of all manner of other causes, suits and misdeeds whatsoever, that in any way chance or arise within the said town or borough and the precinct and limits of the same, as fully and wholly as the guardians of our peace and the justices assigned or to be assigned to hear and determine felonies, trespasses and other misdeeds, and the justices of servants, labourers and artificers have in the county of Leicester outside the town or borough and precinct aforesaid, or in future in any way shall have, for the determination of all manner of felonies (the counterfeiting, clipping or other falsifying of the money of our realm of England alone excepted). And that no guardian of the peace, justice or commissioner of us or our heirs, assigned in the county aforesaid to hear and determine the premises or any of them, shall interfere in anything within the aforesaid town or borough or the precinct and limits of the same, or outside the said town or borough, the precinct and limits of the same, concerning the premises or any of them made or arising in any way within the town or borough aforesaid and the precinct of the same, the exceptions being excepted, or shall enter or presume to enter within the town or borough aforesaid or the precinct of the same, to do, enquire into or execute in any way any office of theirs to be done concerning or arising out of the premises or any of them, the exceptions being excepted.

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[1] Initials blank. [2] A seventeenth century copy.

[3] As the Latin text of this charter has been printed three times, in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 385, in Throsby p. 70, and in *Bibl. Topog. Brit.* VIII. p. 931, an English translation alone is given here. A summary of the contents of the charter is given in *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1464, p. 330.

We have granted also to the said Mayor and burgesses and their successors that they or their successors or any of them or any constable of that town or borough for the time being, or any other, dwelling or about to dwell within the town or borough aforesaid, shall not be forced or compelled to appear before any justices of the peace of us or our heirs in the aforesaid county, or before the justices of us or our heirs assigned or to be assigned to hear and determine felonies, trespasses and other misdeeds in the said county, or any other justices and commissioners of us or our heirs outside the town or borough aforesaid and the precinct and limits of the same, or within the said town or borough, the precinct and limits of the same, to enquire into or to do any other matter done or arising out of or touching the premises or any of them within the said town or borough, the precinct or limits of the same, the exceptions being excepted, except before the aforesaid Mayor and four of the discreeter comburgesses and their successors for the time being as is aforesaid. And if any Mayor, burgess, constable or any other residing within the said town or borough, the precinct or limits of the same, or henceforth happening to reside there, be henceforth summoned or impanelled to appear before any such guardians or justices of the peace, of labourers and artificers, of us or our heirs in the county aforesaid, or before the justices or commissioners of us or our heirs, assigned or to be assigned to hear and determine felonies, trespasses and other misdeeds done there, the exceptions being excepted, and he shall make default before them, or refuse to swear or to enquire into or on any articles done or perpetrated within the town or borough aforesaid, the exceptions being excepted, he shall not for this be put in contempt, or incur any loss or grievance for this reason towards us or our heirs.

And further we have granted and by these presents we grant to the aforesaid Mayor and burgesses and their successors, that the said Mayor and 24 comburgesses of the town or borough aforesaid and their successors for the time being may elect from year to year at the feast of St Matthew the Evangelist from the said 24 comburgesses the aforesaid four discreeter comburgesses, to be the justices of us and our heirs to know, enquire into, hear and determine the premises or any of them within the town or borough aforesaid, the precinct and limits of the same, the exceptions being excepted, and from the said 24 comburgesses, 2 coroners, who shall do and execute the office of coroners within the town or borough aforesaid, the precinct and limits of the same. And that the said coroners so elected and their successsors for the time being shall have for ever and exercise the office of coroner of us and our heirs in the town or borough aforesaid and the precinct of the same, both in the presence of us and our heirs and in the absence of us and our heirs, in all things according as at any time before the date of these presents any coroner of ours was wont to execute the office of coroner there within the town or borough aforesaid and the precinct of the same, and also, in all other matters within the said town or borough or the precinct of the same happening, arising or occurring or arising in the future, which pertain or belong in any way to the office of coroner in any way, and

which, if they chanced or happened within any county of ours in England, ought to be exercised, provided or done by the coroners or coroner of the said county, as fully and wholly, peacefully and quietly as the said coroners or coroner of any other county of our realm of England occupy or exercise such office of coroner and all the other matters touching that office, or shall or may be able lawfully to occupy or exercise the same in any way in future, without legal process, impeachment or impediment of us or our heirs, or of any officers or ministers of ours whomsoever; in such a way that no other coroner of us or our heirs shall interfere in any way concerning any thing belonging to the office of coroner arising or happening within the town or borough aforesaid, and the precinct of the same, or shall enter that town or borough to do anything pertaining to the office of coroner.

We have granted also for us and our heirs and successors to the aforesaid Mayor and burgesses and their successors that neither they nor any of them shall be put on or impanelled in any assizes, juries, inquisitions, or recognitions, although it may touch us or our heirs or any other of our lieges, or be sworn or charged on the trying of the arraignment of any assize or panel before any justices or commissioners of us or our heirs, of or for any matter, cause, or thing whatsoever happening or chancing outside the town or borough aforesaid to be taken outside the town or borough aforesaid. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Woodstock on the 24th day of August in the fourth year of our reign.

BAGOT.

By writ of Privy Seal and of date aforesaid by authority of Parliament.
Enrolled.

Endorsed: allowance of these letters patent granted to the Mayor and Burgesses for the election of coroners within the town or borough of the town aforesaid, the precinct and limits of the same, was enrolled before the lord king, as more fully appears in the counter-roll of Michaelmas term 31 Henry VIII. etc.

CC. *Lease from the Borough.*

Locked Book, p. 13. [10 Sep. 1464.] Lease from the Mayor and community to Ralph Beryngton, tailor, of land lying in St Margaret's parish in "le Walker Crofts" between the land of St Margaret's Gild and land of St John's, Leicester; for 12 years; for a yearly rent of 12*d.* Witnesses: John Reynolde, Mayor, Peter Curtis, bailiff, John Benet, Rob. Rawlot, Will. Holbeche.

CCI. *Agreement between the Stewards of the Gild of St John and the Hospital of St John to find and provide for a Chaplain.*

Locked Book, p. 4. [Sep. 20, 1464.] This composicion and agrement made and endented the xx^{ti} day off Septembre the xvii yere of the reigne of Kyng Edwarde the iiiith, betwyx Sir

Robert Syleby, Mayster of the hospitall of Seynt John Euuangeliste, and Seynt John Baptist of Leycestre and brethern of the same place of the oon parte, and Richarde Wiggeston of Leycestre, Steward of the gylde of the same Seynt John of the other parte, wittenesseth that the seyd Richarde and his successours for the tyme beyng Stewardes of the seid gylde, with the good advyse of the seid Mayster and his successours, shall fyend euermore duryng the seid gylde a good and an able preest to say or synge messe in the gylde chapell of Seynt John aforesaid, and ii dayes in the weke in the chapell of Seynt John sett at the towneshend of Leycestre[1], except that the Mayster or his successoures at any tyme wyll saye messe ther theym self, and what tyme they say messe ther or be forth of towne, that then the seyd gylde preest shall syng or say high messe at the high awter of the seid Seynt John, helpyng the seyd Mayster and his successoures to syng and rede in the quere ther euery holyday in the yere dyvyne service: Praying enspecially[2] for the solles of Peers Celler and his wyffe[3] and for the welfare and the sollez of all the brethern and systern of the seid gylde and howse: And in general for all oder goode benefactours of the seid howse or gylde: And the seid mayster and his successoures shall gyffe to the seid gylde preest mete and drynk sufficiently, or ellys euery yere for his borde xl*s*. of lawfull mony. And the seid Steward and his successoures to pay hym the †rembland† of his salere as thei can agree, and fyend hym a chaumbur withyn the seid Seynt John. And yff hit happen that the seid gylde preest fayell and haue not his borde nor xl*s*. as he awght for to haue at lawfull tymes, in defaute of the mayster or his successoures, that then be hit lawfull to the seid Steward and his successoures for the tyme beyng Stewards, to entre into a place with the appurtenauncez of Seynt John afore seid, sett without Est yate of Leycestre[4] betwene the meyce[5] of the gylde of Corpus Christi in Seynt Marten chirch of the West syde, and Sent Margett lane of the Est parte, nowe yn the tenure of Thomas Davy, grocer, and ther to take a distresse for the seid xl*s*. and hit to bere away as oft tymes as ther ys defaute of his borde or payment of the seid xl*s*. yerly. In wyttenes hereof alsowell the comon seall of the seid howse as the seall of the seid Steward alternately to thies indentures be put. Gyfven the day and yere aboueseyd.

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[1] See the site of St John's Spital in the map Vol. I.

[2] O. Fr. en especial.

[3] See LXIII. above, p. 100.

[4] See p. 100.

[5] Messuage.

CCII. *Notice from Edward IV. of an exception to the Act of Resumption made in favour of the Borough.*

Locked Book, p. 7. [July 9, 1465.] Edward by the grace of God (etc.) to our auditors and receivers of our duchy of Lancaster in the county of Leicester greeting. We send you enclosed in these presents the tenour of a certain provision made by us in our parliament at Westminster summoned on the 29th day of April in the third year of our reign and continued by divers prorogations and adjournments until the 21st day of January in the 4th year of our reign upon a certain act of resumption issued by authority of the said parliament on the said 21st day of January for the Mayor and burgesses of the town of Leicester, ordering that, having inspected the tenour aforesaid, you may cause further steps to be taken herein at the request of the said Mayor and burgesses in such wise as according to the force, form and effect of the same should be made. Given under our seal of our duchy aforesaid at Westminster the 9th day of July in the fifth year of our reign.

"Provided allewey that this acte nor none othir acte or actis made or to be made in this our present parlement extende not nor be preiudiciall to the Maire and burges or comynalte of oure towne of Leycestre of or for xiiii*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.* to them graunted [for] terme of xx yeres by oure letters patentes by whatsomeuer name or names they or eny of them be called in the same graunte, but that oure seid lettres patentes to theym or eny of theym thereof so made be good and effectuall, the seyd acte or actes in anywise notwithstondyng[1]."

CCIII. *Leases from the Borough.*

Locked Book, p. 13. [Nov. 7, 1465.] Lease from the Mayor and community to John Gaylord, mercer, of land in St Margaret's parish, between Nic. Bacon's land and John Gailard's, stretching from "Archiedekon Lane" to the common footpath leading from St Margaret's church to "Lathepole"; for 80 years; at a rent of 12*d.* Witnesses: Roger Wigston, Mayor, Peter Curtis, bailiff, Will. Wigston, John Benet, Will. Lemyngton.

Box G, No. 363[2]. [Sep. 10, 1466.] Lease from the same to Tho. Freman of two cottages in "Wyloby Lane" between the cottage of the Mayor and community on the one side and the lane of the Friars Preachers; for 60 years; at a rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* Witnesses: Roger Wigston, Mayor, Peter Curtis, bailiff, Rob. Rawlot, Will. Holbeche, and John Pacy.

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[1] This does not appear among the long list of reservations in the *Rolls of Parl.* v. 514—548.

[2] Almost obliterated by damp.

CCIV. *Order excluding from the Common Halls all who are not franchised.*

V. B. No. 90. [Oct. 25, 1466.] Hit was ordeyned and agreed at a comen hall holden at Leycestre the XXV day of Octobre the 6[te] yere of the regne of the Kyng oure souereyne lord Edward the IIII[te], in the time of mairaltie of Roger Wygston than beyng Maire of the seyd towne of Leycestre, by a generall assent and agrement as wele of the same Maire, his brethern and all the comens of the same toune then being at the forsaid comen hall, that from that tyme forth no man presume to entre into the Gilde hall otherwise cald the Maires hall at eny comen hall ther holden or to be holden but oonly thoes and siche as ben fraunchest, that is to say men entred into the Marchaundes Gild, on payne of inprisonment as long as the Maire lykes forthwith doon vpon euery suche persone doing the contrary at eny comen Hall.

CCV. *Further Orders regulating proceedings at Common Halls.*

Hall Book, p. 226[1]. [Oct. 16, 1467.] In so muche as the Maire and his bretherne, by wrytyng as other wise, were enformed that oure souereyne lord the Kyng and certeyne of his lordys haue knolege of dyuers vngoodly rules and demenynges specially amonge the comons of this towne afore tyme vsed at ther Comon Halles, and for thoes take suche displeasure that, without a remedy founde, it is lykly to turne to the perpetuall †perducion† and fordoyng of the large liberties and fraunches of this town, the which God defende, and not oonly þat, but suche gret rumour and speche rennethe in to dyuers parties of this reame, the whiche sowneth[2] and lykly is to growe to the grett rebuke and dishonour of all the body of this town and euery membre theroff—

For a remedy and amendement of the premisses, this acte and ordinaunce was conceyued and proposed by the good aduise, intent and discrescion of Richard Gillot Maire and all his bretherne then of the town of Leycestre, by a free will and generall assent, concent and agrement of all the comons of the said town assembled and companed[3].

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[1] Cf. Thompson, *History of Leicester*, p. 187.

[2] Soundeth, i.e. redounds or is reported.

[3] Associated together.

Att a comon halle holden at Leycestre the Fryday next afore the feste of Seynt Luce the euangelist, the vii[1] yere of the regne of oure souerayne lorde Kyng Edwarde the fourth, yn the tyme of Mairalte off Richard Gillot, by the assent and agrement of the said Maire and his bretherne and all the comons ther beyng present, yn this maner and forme it is ordeyned, agreed, stablisshed and acte, that yf eny persone or persones entur and abyde withyne the gylde halle at eny comon halle ther holden or to be holden, as well at the day of election of my master the Maire as all other comen halles, excepte they be †fraunchest that is to sey entred in to the Chapman Gylde[1]† that he or they and euery of them by the comaundement of the Maire forth with then be commytted to warde, there for to contenew xl dayes on the Maires grace, payyng xl*d.* vnto the chamburlaynes for siche tymes beyng to the behouff of the towne or[2] he be demyssed oute of preson, without pardon or grace of eny parte. And also hit is ordenyd, agreed and acte, that yf one[3] persone or persones, of what degre or scians he or they be off, make one crye, or name one of the Maires brethern to the offes of the Mairalte, vntyll siche tyme as my master the Maire hath comaundyd the cryer to make an uoy[4] and red the ordinaunce before tyme made, and also declared the liberte of eleccion, and discharged hym selfe acordyng to the avncion custum before tyme vsid for the same, shall pay lyke forfeture and pennalte as before is rehersid. And yf eny persone, of what degree that he be off, atempte at any comen hall the contrary, [he] shall forfett at euery tyme vnto the chambre[5] vi*s.* viii*d.*, that to be leuyed by the Chambrelaynes for the tyme beyng, and also abydyng in prisonement of xl dayes on the Maires grace. And yf hit so fortune that eny Maire, at eny comen halle to be holden yn the tyme of his office off mairalte, be vnderstand and verely knowen innocent[6] yn execucion of theies ordenaunces in maner and forme afore said, that then the seid Maire at euery tyme so †conceyued† shall forfett vnto the chambre xx*s.*, that to be withholden by the Chambrelaynes of the Maires fee, and that dewly to be accompted at the tyme of ther accomptes for the profight of the town.

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[1] Struck through, and over is written "of the XLVIII," as the result of Henry VII.'s mandate of 1489, see below.

[2] ere. [3] any. [4] a proclamation, cry "oyez."

[5] Town-treasury. [6] Here meaning "negligent."

CCVI. *Borough Ordinances.*

Hall Book, p. 229[1]. [Oct. 22, 1467.] The ordenance made by Richarde Gillot, Maire of the town of Leycestre, and his brethern, and by the aduise and assent of all the Comons of the same town, at a comon halle holden at Leycestre the Thursday next afore the feste of Symonde day and Jude, in the yere of the reigne of our souerayen lorde Kyng Edwarde the fourth after the conquest off ynglond the vii[t].

For the peace[2]. The Maire comaundeth, on the Kynges behalfe, that all maner of men kepe the pees of our souerayn lorde the Kyng, and that no man disturbull hit withynne the fraunches of this town, as be armour or wepon beryng, as habergon, salett, bylle, swyrd, longe staff or dager, or any other maner of wepon, where thurgh the Kynges pees should be disturbelyd or lettyd, yn payne of forfeture of his wepon and his body to preson, sauf in supportacion of the Maire, but yf hit be a knyght or a squyer a swyrde borne after hym, and that euery man of the contray that bryng any wepon to the town leve hit at his In, and bere hit not with ynne this town, neyther swyrde, bille ne long staffe, but in ye supportacion of the Mayre aforesaid, in payne of forfeture of his wepon and his body to preson as long as the Mayre lykes. And that no man walke after ix of the belle be streken in the nyght withoute lyght or withoute cause resonable in payne of inpresonment.

Bakers of all maner of bredd[2]. Also alle bakers that bake shall bake symnell, wastell, coket lovys, iiii for a peny of good paste, good bulture[3], and well baken, and of rynged and of temsed[4] breed iiii lovys for a peny. And of all other kyndes of breed sesonable and of good weyght and pryse after the forme aforsaid. And iiii lovys for a peny of hors breed, made of clene peyse and benys in his kynde suyng the pryse [p. 230] and weyght. And that the town lak no maner of breed, whyght ne browne, ne non other kyndes of breed in payne of inpresonment as long as the Maire lykes whan the town is breed lees[5] &c.

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[1] Cf. Kelly's *Notices*, p. 184; Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 188; Nichols, IV. I. 375, contains a short summary of each order. The Town Book of Acts, p. 28 sqq., has a copy of the ordinances passed at the Common Hall of this date, which is differently arranged, omits some orders, and contains some new ones. See below.

[2] The title and a note "proclamatur" in another hand.

[3] Well boulted meal.

[4] Sifted, see *Prompt. Parv.* s. v. temze: from the French *tamis*.

[5] breadless.

For wyne[1]. Also that no vynteners that brynges wyne to the town to selle, that they none streke[2] ne selle withoute leve of the Mayre before askyd, in payne of inprisonment. [And that thei seynd their tastewyne to maister Mere off euery wessell[3].]

For brewers[4]. Also that alle brewers that brewe shall brewe good ale and se þat it be neyther rawe, [roppy[5]], ne red, but holsum for mannys body, selling a galon of the best for 1*d.* ob. A galon of the secunde for 1*d.* And a galon of the thirde for ob. And that they selle non by measure vnlawfull nor vnseled in payne of inprisonment [and forfetour of iii*s.* iiii*d.*[6]].

[In the Town Book of Acts, p. 29, this ordinance runs thus:

An acte for brwers. At the same common hall yt ys agred that all brwers that brwythe to sell shall make good alle and holsome for mans bodye, nother raw, red, nor roppie, but that yt be cleyn brewyed accordyng to the statute and to sell accordyng to thassyse that Mr Mayer shall gyve, and to make good holsome smalle drynke for the pore peopyll after ob. a gallon, that the pore may the better be releuyd, vppon peyn of euery brwer makyng defalt for the fyrst, secounde and thyrde tyme, to make fyne at Mr Mayers and the Justices will and plesure, and the fourthe tyme to suffer imprisonment accordyng to the wordes of the said statute.]

[The Town Book of Acts here adds also the following:

An acte for typlers[7]. Also that no typlers within this towne or subbarbes of the same sell no alle with vnseallyd mesures, nether within the house nor without, nether with cuppes nor goodderds[8], but with suche mesures as may be laufully seallyd according to the statute[9], and that they do kepe the assyse that at altymes shal be appoynted by Mr Mayer and the Justices, vppon peyn of euery typpler for euery tyme makyng defaute contrary to this acte, to forfeyt to the chamber of the towne iii*s.* iiii*d.*, and further to be punysshed accordyng to the statute.]

For botchers[10]. Also that euery bocher of the cuntray that bryng flesshe to the market [shall[3]] bryng the skynnes and talowe of the

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[1] In the margin "Proclamatur." [2] draw; see *Prompt. Parv.* p. 479.

[3] Added. [4] Added in the margin.

[5] *Prompt. Parv.*, p. 436, gives "ropy as ale," *viscosus.*

[6] Added. In the margin "Proclamatur. †xii gal. for xii*d.* ‡and ii galons of smale ale withall."

[7] Beerhouse-keepers. [8] goddard, drinking-cup, N. E. D.

[9] Assize of measures.

[10] Added. In the margin "Proclamatur in die sabati." This entry is in the Book of Acts, p. 28.

same flesshe with hem in payne of forfetyng þeroff. And that no bocher bryng no flesshe to selle withinne this town that is corupte with eny maner of sekenes in payne of (forfeture of the same flesshe, and there bodyes to preson as long as the Mayre lykes[1]).

[2]And that no bocher kylle no bull to selle withinne this town but yf hit be bayted before in payne of forfeture theroff[3]. And that no bocher of the town ne of the cuntray bye no flesshe of non other bocher to retayle ageyn to his owen incres[4] in preiudice of the Kynges peple yn payne of inprisonment etc.[5]

For fysshers and vytulers[6]. Also that all maner fysshers and vitelers þat bryng vitaill to the town to selle that they selle hit þemselfes ther owen handes. And þat no man in there name but yf the Mayre gyff hym leve in payne of inprisonment. And that all vitelers selle ther vitaill at resonable prise takyng resonable encres and þat þei lede no vitaill owte of the town (tyll hit be resonable stuffed in payne of inprisonment etc.[7]).

[p. 231.] *For grosyng of wyld fowle.* Also that no cooke bye ne groce vppe[8] no denteythes[9] ne vitaill or[10] the town be serued, that is to sey wodecoke, cone, partrik, plouer ne non other denteythes. And yf he do, what man of the town haue nede þerof, by hym no cost done þereon, shall haue hit on the same prise that he bought hit. And that no cook nor other man ne woman bye nor selle no goos, raw ne roste, darrer[11] than iiii*d.* in payne of dowble forfeture and there bodyes to preson. A pygge the beste for vi*d.* and that at is nott so good at lower pryse. And other vitaill suyng at resonable pryse takyng resonable encres, vppon the perell that wyll falle þereon. And that no cook rechauf[12] no flesshe ne fysshe soden, baken ne rosted, ne non other maner of vitaill in payne of sufferyng the dome of the statute[13]. And that no cook selle no vitaill but yf hit be

[1] The Book of Acts has instead of the passage in brackets "vi*s.* viii*d.*"

[2] Cf. Kelly's *Notices*, p. 185.

[3] The Book of Acts adds "or elles lycense asked of Mr Mayer."

[4] The Book of Acts has "use and incres."

[5] For imprisonment the Book of Acts has "euery bucher takyn or knowne with suche defaut to pay to the Chamber of the towne of Leycestre x*s.*"

[6] In the margin is scribbled "Candylles i*d.* ob. a pounde xiii to ye dossyn." The ordinance is in the Book of Acts, p. 28.

[7] The Book of Acts has for the passage in brackets "to other markytes tyll the markyt and the towne of Leicestre be seruyd, in payne of euery man makyng defaut iii*s.* iiii*d.*"

[8] Engross, buy up wholesale in order to regrate at a monopoly price.

[9] Dainties, see N.E.D. s. v. dainteth. O.F. daintiet:—Lat. dignitatem.

[10] ere. [11] Scotch comparative form, see N.E.D. [12] Warm up.

[13] Penalties of the Judicium Pillorie? *Statute Book*, I. 202. This only forbids the seething in bread and water of unwholesome meat.

sesonable, that is to say eyther baken, boyled or roste, in payne of forfeture þereof and his body to preson.

For muke. Also that no man ley owte no muke at his dore, stokkys ne stonys, tymbre ne clay, ne non other maner of thing to the anuysauns of the Kynges peple but yf hit be a bygger[1] in the stretes of the town, neyther withinne the iiii yates ne withinne the iiii stretes of the subberbis, but yf hit be remeved withinne iii dayes in payne of inprisonment as long as the Maire likes etc.

Corrupcion in ye strettes. Also that no man nor woman suffre no corrypcion to lye before his dore, ne keste[2] non owte of his dore by nyght ne by day, that is to sey hors, swyn, dogge ne catte, nor non other corypcion, withinne the iiii yates, ne withinne the iiii stretes of the subbarbys, but voyde hit forthe in to the fylde from the course of þe peple, yn payne of inprisonment while the Mair lykes etc.

[p. 232.] *For fylthe and swepynges.* Also that no man ne woman, ne non other persone, swepe ne throwe owte swepynges whan hit raynys vpon his neghbour for disturbelyng of his neybur, in payne of inprisonment as long as the Mayre lykes of the persone or persones þat is founden so gylty.

Cardyng and vnlawfull games[3]. Also that no man of the town nor of the cuntray play withinne the fraunchys of this town for sylver at no vnlaufull gamons that been defended[4] by the statute and lawe and by the parlement[5], that is for to sey at dyce, [cardyng[6]], haserdyng, tenes, bowlys, pykkyng with arowes[7], coytyng with horsshon, penypryk[8], foteball, ne cheker in the myre[9] in payne of inprisonment. And the owner of the hows, gardens or placez where the playes been vsed as often as hit is so founden and used shall paye to the chamberlens iiii*d.* and euery player vi*d.* to the same chamberlens to the vse of the comons.

For wrytters. Also that no writer sett the Maire to wittenes in no maner scripture but yf the Maire haue knolege þeroff or[10] hit be †saled†[11] in payne of inprisonment while the Maire lykes.

For sewyng out of Port Cort. Also that no persone of the town fraunchised †nor vnfraunchessed† sue non †of his neyburs†[12] neyther

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[1] builder. [2] cast. [3] Cf. Kelly, *Notices*, p. 186. [4] prohibited.

[5] Stat. 12 Ric. II. c. 6, and 11 Hen. IV. c. 4, 17 Edw. IV. c. 3, against tennis, football, quoits, dice, casting the stone, kailes, closh, half-bowl, hand-in, hand-out, and queck-board.

[6] Added.

[7] Probably pick-point or blow-point, the blowing of arrows through a trunk at certain numbers by way of lottery. Strutt, p. 513.

[8] In which pieces of iron were thrown at a stick on which a penny was placed. Cent. Dict. [9] Not in Strutt or N. E. D. [10] ere.

[11] sealed. [12] "Othre franchessed man" written over.

be spirituall lawe ne temporall lawe, neyther for dett, trespas, sewrete of pees nor for seruice, ne none other accion but onely before the Maire of this town yf due remedy there can be hadde, in payne of inprisonment of xl dayes in preson, and makyng the costes good that he maketh his neybours so to lose, withoute speciall licence of the Maire before purchased[1].

For brodelles. Also that no bordell be holden withinne this town, bawdery ne bawde dwelling, but that the firdeborowe[2] next dwelling vtter them to the Courte. And that they to be voyded at the fyrst warnyng in payne of inprisonment and fyne †and rawnsum+ to þe Kyng.

[p. 233.] *For wasshynge of clothes.* Also that no woman vse to wasshe no clothes ne none other corripcion at the comon wellys of the town ne in the hye strete in payne of inprisonment[3].

For scoldys[4]. Also that alle maner scholdys that are dwellyng withinne this town, man or woman, that are founde defectyf by sworne men before the Maire presented, that than hit shall be lefull to the same Mayre for to ponyssh them on a cukstool afore there dore as long as hym lyketh and thanne so to be caried forth to the iiii ȝates of the town[5].

For clensyng the strettes. Also that all men and women that been inhabitauntes in this town that they clense the Kynges stretes euery man before his place, as well withinne the ȝates as in the subberbys of the same. And they that hath muk and swepynges and oþere fylthes and corripcions withinne them do ordeyne a carte þerfore to carye hit awey, and þat they leye non owte at there dors past iii dayes at the most, in payne of inprisonment as long as the Mayre lykes and fyne & raunsom to the Kyng[6].

For settyng vppe of corne. Also that no man of the town ne of the cuntrey bye no corne on any Saturday in the market place till the market be hool assembled †that is to say at x of the belle ne more than hym nedes to his owen howshold. And that no byer of corne leye no hande vppon no sekke, ne chepe no maner of corne till x of the belle be streken, in payne of inprisonment+[7].

For horse on the Corne Wall. Also all maner men, women and children þat bryngeth any hors or mares to þe market laden with

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[1] "Non proclamatur. Proclametur." Written in the margin.

[2] Frithborh, frankpledge. The freeborow is distinguished from the constable, p. 322.

[3] In the margin "Non proclamatur."

[4] Cf. Kelly's *Notices*, p. 184.

[5] Non proclamatur.

[6] Proclametur.

[7] Over is written "and the bell be ryngyd ordened þerfore in peyne of inprisonment." In the margin "Proclamatur Dye Sabati."

corne or other vitaill that they after þe tyme they be vnladen to lede them owte of the markett place to þe Innes, in payne of euery best ii*d.* to by[1] levied by the chamberlens to the vse of the comons[2].

Forestallers[3]. [Also that no man of ye towne or of cuntrey nother forstawll nor regrate no maner of corne, vyttyll, hyddys[4], nor no maner of thyngges that cumys to this markyt to be sold in payen of inprysenment.[5]]

[p. 234.] *For yattes and dores.* Also that all maner men and women that hath any ȝates or durres on the town walle agayn the market stede, that they none kepe ne leve oppon[6] of no market day in payne of forfeture of xx*d.* to be leveid by þe chamberlens, and inprisonment of xl dayes in preson[7].

Butchers[3]. Also that euery bocher of the cunterye that bryng flesshe to the town, that they kepe there hors and there mares owte of the shambles, and þat non come þerinne in payne of inprisonement and punysshement to the Kyng after the Mairs discression etc.[8]

Comon shambles. Also that no bocher selle no flesshe in his hows nor shoppe but kepe hit and selle hit at the comon shambles, or in the comen market place þat is assigned þerfore, but yf hit be in tyme of nede, in payne of inprisonment as long as the Maire lykes, and euery bocher as oftyn founden or taken with siche a faute shall pay to the Chambur xii*d.* that to be leveid by þe chamberlens to þe vse of the comons.

Catall abrode[9]. Also that no man latt no swyne ne neet goo a brode, neyþere before the herde goo afylde ne after he come hom, but kepe them inne tyll the herde come, in payne of losyng of euery best ii*d.* and that to be levied by the chamberlens to the vse of the comons.

Catall in ye Cowhey. And that euery hors, neet or any other best [of vnfranchest personnez[10]] that is founden in the Cowehaye shall pay euery foote i*d.*, and that shall the chamberlens levy to þe profett of the comons. And þat no man haue no moo þan ii neet goyng in the Cowehaye in payne of losyng euery best xii*d.*

Of dukkes. Also that no dukkes be letyn abrode in any strete withinne the iiii ȝates of the town, on payne of forfeture of euery duk ob., that to be levyed by the chamberlens to the vse of the town, as

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[1] be. [2] Proclamatur die Sabbati. [3] Title not in MS.
[4] hides. [5] Added in later hand. [6] open.
[7] Proclamatur. [8] Proclamatur die Saboti.
[9] Proclamatur. [10] Added in another ink.

ofte as eny dukkes been founden or takyn goyng abrood withinne þe said stretes of the town.

[p. 235.] *Ryottes & vnlawful assembles.* Also that no man in the town dwellyng, fraunchysed ne vnfraunchesed, drawe to no conuenticles, ryotes ne assembles withinne the town, ne rydyng withoute, agayen the Kynges pees, ne take no lyveres, gownyng ne hodyng[1], of no man of non astate ne degre, for maintenaunce of no man ne of no maner matire[2], but that they gyf assistence to the Maire in sustentacion of the Kynges pees, good rule & honoure of this town. And in restreynyng of þem that been or wolde be mysruled in payne of inprisonment. And furthermore the dome of the statute made for mysrule of ryotes and lyueres[3].

To be reddy at all frays. Also that euery man that been inhabitauntz withinne this town com to the comen halle or to any other place to them lymyted & somened by the Maire or his officers, and that they be redy at euery affray made in any parte of this town to come and wayte on the Mayre in supportacion of the Kynges pees †of the alderman in ye ward & he to come to the Mayre[4]†.

Dyssobedyence. Also what som euer persone or persones that dysobeyeth the Maire and his officers [or þe alderman in hys ward[5]] and wil nott come to hym when he is sent for, þat than hit shal be lefull to the same Maire with all the powre þat he can make to fecche hym, & yf he close his dore to breeke hit oppen, & þan to enprison hym whiles the Maire lyketh.

For wepons. Also that no man take ne lende to non other man of þe countray any maner of wepon, þat is to say neyther staff, bille ne polax ne non other wepon but in supportacion of the Maire and good rule of this town to be kepte, in payne of inprisonment and forfeture of his wepon.

[p. 236.] *For comyng to ye common hall.* [6]Also that all maner men inhabitauntz withinne this town that be warned or somened by the constable or any other of the Maires officers to come [at an owre[7]] to the comon halle or to attend uppon the Maire to ryde ayenest the Kyng or for [riding of the George or[7]] eny other thing that shalbe to the plesure of the Maire and worshyppe for the town, yf any man so warned absent hym withoute cause resonable or speciall licence of the Maire, he or they shall forfett, that is to sey euery of the Maires

[1] Putting on of hoods; the phrase is taken from the statute against liveries, "pannorum et capuciorum."
[2] ? matter.
[3] 8 H. VI. c. 4, 14 &c.
[4] In a later hand and struck through.
[5] Added.
[6] Cf. Kelly's *Notices*, p. 186—7.
[7] Added later.

brethern †iis.[1]†, and euery comener †xii*d*.[2]†, that to be leuyed by þe chamburlayns to the vse and profete of the comons [†& if he come not at ye owre or els afore, he shall forfet the som aforesaid without causse or excuse resonable†[3]].

For oppynnyng of shoppe wyndows. Also hit is ordeyned that yf eny persone, of what craft or scians so [euer[4]] he be off, presume or take vppon hym to open or sett up eny shope for hym self withinne this town or withinne the subberbys of the same or[5] he be entrid into the Chappman Gylde, euery siche person so openyng eny shope yerly shall pay iii*s*. iiii*d*., vnto the tyme that he be entred in to the seid Chapman Gylde, that to be leuyed by the chamberlayns for the tym beyng to the vse of the comons.

For candell[6]. Also it is ordeyned and agreed that no candelmaker off talow, makyng or sellyng condell within this town, that they non selle att eny assise nor prise[7] but suche as shalbe comaunded by the Maire for the tyme beyng. And yf they or eny of them presume in no wyse for to make eny sise or prise of condell other then shalbe yeven vnto the seid candylmaker by the Mayre for the tyme beyng, in payne of inprisonment as long as þe Maire liketh and forfeture vnto the Chambur at euery tyme doyng the contrary iii*s*. iiii*d*., that to be leuyed by the chamberleyns to the vse of the town.

For swet of courte[8]. Allso it [is][9] ordend that no forenyr, whare sum euer he dwell, haue no maner of benyfeys ne axyon ne areste in no maner of cowrtes within this towne, agaynyst no maner of person of thiis town beyng fraynchyst, exsep only in the cowrt of Portmanmotte.

[p. 237.] *For settyng vppe of corne*[10]. Also if any man or woman inhabitant within this town reseyue or kepe eny maner of corne within ther howse or place fro market day to market day of eny persones of the contray, or assisteth, supporteth or mayntayneth eny regrater or forstaller of the market, he or they so faute[11] shall forfett, that is to sey at euery tyme taken with any suche fawte xx*d*., that to be leuyed by the chamberlaynes to the vse and profite of the comons.

Charcolle[12]. Also it is ordeyned, agreed and stablished that what som euer persone or persones that bryngeth to this town charcolle for

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[1] Struck through and "xii*d*." written over.
[2] Struck through as also †viii*d*.† "vi*d*." standing.
[3] Added and struck through.
[4] Not in MS.
[5] ere.
[6] Proclamatur.
[7] price.
[8] This ordinance is in another hand.
[9] Not in MS.
[10] Proclamatur.
[11] faulty.
[12] Proclamatur.

to sell, that they non sell ne non persone of this town presume to bye, from the Fest of Allhalowes vnto the fest of Pasche, aboue vii*d.*[1] a quarter, and from the fest of Pasche vnto the fest of All Halowes a quarter aboue vi*d.*, on payne of forfeture of all the coles at euery tyme that eny persone or persones bryngyng coles to this town. And also þat every persone or persones that bryngeth to this towne charcolle on horse bak for to sell, that they bryng laufull mett[2], and yf it be founden or knowen that the sakkes be not laufull and of the assise as they owe to be, that then euery persone of the towne fyndyng eny sak or sakkes fauty, that they present the seid sakkes defectiff vnto the Maire for the tyme beyng, and the Maire for to do due iustice and punesshement as well vpon the owner as vpon the sakkes so defectiff.

For charcoll sellyng. [3]And also that euery persone of this towne that occupieth and hereafter shall occupie for to sell charcolle, that they nott presume for to bye be the carte lode, ne by the horse lode, vnto tyme þat all other persones of this towne be serued, yn payne of inprisonment as long as the Maire lykes. And þat euery persone þat ocupieth to sell charcole, or here after schall occupie to selle [p. 238] charcolle by the mett[2], that they selle none by vnlawfull mett nor aboue i*d.* ob. a stryk, in non season of þe yere, yn payne of inprisonment, and to forfett euery tym to the chambur euery tyme xx*d.* to the vse of the comons.

[Town Book of Acts, p. 28[4].] *An acte for carryeng of bourne*[5]. At the same comon hall yt was agred that no waterman nor bourneman shold carry no bourne to no maner of comon brwer nor other persons vppon any Sonday nether before none nor efter without a reasonable cause in tyme of necessyte & than lycense askyd of Mr Mayer for the tyme beynge or the alderman of the quarter where he dwellythe or ellss of the alderman of the quarter wher as the brwer or other dwellythe that he shold carry suche bourne vnto, vppon peyn of euery tyme carryeng any bourne of any Sonday without lycense to forfet to the Chamber of the towne iii*s.* iiii*d.*

CCVII. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box G, No. 364. [Aug. 10, 1468.] Lease from the Mayor and community to John Garett, coreour[6], of a messuage with land lying behind in St Peter's parish in "Dedelane" between John Reynold's cottage and a messuage in the hands of the

[1] vi*d.* and viii*d.* both struck through. [2] Measure. [3] Proclamatur.
[4] Not in the Hall Book. The Book of Acts enters it as of the above date, after the Act for fishers and victuallers, above p. 289. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 390 gives it as of Henry VIII.'s time. [5] Water. [6] currier.

chamberlains, and stretching from Deadlane to the garden of Roger Wigston towards the North; for 20 years; for 9*s.* a year.

Witnesses, Ric. Gillot, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Rog. Wyston, John Reynold, Ric. Yates; and Tho. Palet and John Peny, chamberlains.

CCVIII. *Grant of a Fair.*

Box B, no number[1]. [Ap. 2, 1473.] Grant from Edward IV. to the Mayor and burgesses dwelling in his town of Leicester of a fair to be held there yearly for 7 days, viz. 3 days before the feast of St Philip and St James (May 1), on that feast and for three days after. Strangers visiting the fair to be quit of toll, stallage, pickage and other customs belonging to the King or his heirs. The Mayor and two or three chosen for the purpose may make all arrangements for setting of stalls etc.

Witnesses: R. Bath and Wells[2] Chancellor of England, and Th. Lincoln[3] keeper of the Privy Seal, bishops, and our dearest brothers George of Clarence and Richard of Gloucester Dukes, and our dearest kinsman Henry of Essex, Treasurer, and John of Wiltshire, Chief Butler, Earls, and Thomas Stanley of Stanley, Steward of the Household, and Will. Hastings of Hastings, Chamberlain of the Household, Knights. Westminster, 13 Ed. IV., 2 Ap.

By the King himself and of the date aforesaid by authority of parliament.

REYNOLD.

[A fragment of the Great Seal appendant by faded silk cords with gold thread twisted in.]

CCIX. *Borough Leases.*

Locked Book, p. 13. [Sep. 7, 1473.] The Mayor and community by unanimous consent let a piece of ground outside the South Gate lying at "le South Gate End" stretching in length from St Sepulchre's churchyard towards the South and in breadth from the land of the Corpus Christi Gild towards the East as appears by boundaries; for 99 years; for a rent of 4*d.* Witnesses: John Parsons, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Roger Wigston, Rob. Raulot, John Reynolde; Tho. Hurste, and Rob. Croft, chamberlains.

Box G, No. 373, and a copy in Locked Book, p. 14. [Sep. 27, 1475.] Lease from the same to John Whittewell of two tenements in Swinesmarket, between the King's horse-mill on the East and Everard Felding's tenement on the West, stretching from the King's highway to the King's land towards the South; for 60 years; for a rent of 30*s.* Witnesses: John Roberdes, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Roger Wigston, Will. Holbeche, John Reynolds; Tho. Philip and Martin Coleyns, chamberlains.

[Seal: ? a cock crowing.]

CCX. *Rental of Corpus Christi Gild.*

Box 7, No. 184 (2). [1476.] A rental, printed in North's *Chronicle of the Church of St Martin*, pp. 200-6. Cf. the rental above No. CLXXXIX.

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[1] Initials blank. Nichols IV. i. App. 376 gives the charter in Latin.

[2] Robert Stillington. [3] Thomas Rotherham.

CCXI. *Ordinance concerning the Passion Play.*

Hall Book, p. 2[1]. [Mar. 26, 1477.] At a comon halle holden at Leycestre on the xxvi[t] day of Marche in the yere afore written[2] at the which comon halle the pleyers the which pleed the passion play the yere next afore brought yne a byll the whiche was of serten devtes[3] of mony, and wheder the passion shulbe put to craftes to be bounden or nay, and at þat tyme the seid pleyers gaff to the pachentes[4] þeir mony which that thei had getten yn playng of the seid play euer fore to that day, and all þe raymenttes withal oþer maner of stuff þat þey had at þat tyme; and at the same comon halle, be the advyse of all the comons, was chosen thes persones after named for to have the gydyng and rulle of the seid play.

[See the list of 19 persons named and two "bedalls" in Kelly's *Notices,* p. 187.]

CCXII. *Agreement touching a tenement at Whetstone.*

Locked Book, f. 9. [Aug. 4, 1477.] This endenture made at Leycestre the fourthe day of Auguste in the xvii[te] ȝere of the reygne of Kyng Edwarde the fourthe after the conqueste of Englond betwene Peers Wynwode, Maire of Leycestre, at that tyme beyng, and all his brether, and Richard Ardyngton & John Gouldeson, chamberleyns of the seid town of Leycestre, at the same tyme, in the name of all the comminalte of the same town of Leycestre, and Thomas Bodicote of Wheston, son & heire to John Bodicote, late of the same toun of Wheston, beres witnes that where grete contraversie, variaunce and debate has ben many ȝeres betwene the Maires & comminalte of the seid toun of Leycestre and the same Thomas for certeyn servyces goyng out of the londis & tenementeȝ of the seid Thomas withyn the seid toun of Wheston, it is so accorded be thees presentes betwene bothe partyes that, of the voluntary will and concent of the seid Thomas, the same Thomas grauntes by thees presentes in the pleyn[5] court of Leycestre, afore the seid Peers, Maire, and his brether, the seid chamberleyns, and many other at that tyme present in the same court, holden the day & ȝere above written, to holde a meese and

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[1] See Kelly's *Notices*, p. 186, and Nichols IV. i. App. pp. 378 and 379.
[2] 17 Ed. IV.
[3] duties, debts.
[4] pageants, mysteries of the crafts.
[5] full.

half a ȝerde londe[1] with þappurtenaunce in Wheston late in the tenure of his seid fader, of the Maire & comminalte of Leycestre and of theyer successours for euermore, be knyght servyce and vi*d.* of chyef rent ȝerly goyng oute of the meese and halfe ȝerde lande aforeseid, lyke as in a court holden at Wheston the thrid day of Auguste in the secunde ȝere of the reygne of Kyng Edward the fourthe, before Robert Rowelott, that tyme Maire of Leycestre, and the comminalte of the same toun, lyke as hit pleynly, be the rolles of the seid court, apperyth, & also moreouer the seid Thomas holdes of the Maire & comminalte above written a nodur meese & halfe a ȝarde lande with yappurtenaunce in the same toun of Wheston, late in the tenure of his seid fader be sokage, of frank tenure, and suyt to court of the seid Maire & comminalte, ȝeldyng ȝerly therfore a farthyng of silver wyth all maner of cervyces and distresses, as ben laufully bylongyng to all suche servyces aboue written for euermore; and therto the seid Thomas byndes hym, his heyres & his assignes for euer by thees presentes. In witnes whereof to the ton party of this endenture remaynyng in the kepyng of the Maire and comminalte above rehersed, the forseid Thomas has putte his seall written the day & ȝere aboue rehersed.

CCXIII. *Ordinances for the Mayor and Brethren.*

Hall Book, p. 223. [Oct. 13, 1477[2].] To the honoure and louyng of almyghty God & increce of vnite and worshypp of the Maire & of his breder of the Bynke[3] of the town of Leycestre and fur ther more commendacion, in the fest of Seynt Edward the Kyng, in the XVII yere of the regne of oure liege lord Kyng Edwarde the fourth, by the assent & agrement of John Reynolde, then being Maire of the same town, and of all his seid breder, it was ordeyned & stablisshed hereafter that none of the seid brether in no wise secretly ne openly in no cause ne mater repreve, rebuke ne dishonoure by worde ne dede none of them oder, but that euery of them in absence & in presence reporte and sey wele be oder, on payne of forfeture vnto the Chambur of the towne of Leycestre euery of them the firste tyme knowen with the faute iii*s.* iiii*d.*, the secunde tyme vi*s.* viii*d.*, and thoes paynalties forthwith to be leueied by the Maire and the ii mastres of Corpus Christi gylde for the tyme beyng of the

[1] yardland, virgate, of roughly speaking, 30 acres.

[2] Printed with some lacunae in North's *Chronicle of the Church of St Martin*, p. 196, and cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 378.

[3] Bench.

trespasour, & put into the tresoure of the towne of Leycestre. And yf any of them so forfett & at the disire of the Maire and the seid maistres wil not pay his paynalte then he to be committed by the Maires commaundement to warde, there to contynue withoute redempcion till the payne be leueyed. And yf the Maire be lacheous[1] in execucion on that behalf, the same paynaltiez then to be leueied upon the Maire by the maisters of Corpus Christi gylde for the tyme being. And yf any of the seid brether be obstynate and wilnott be reconciled & ware by the to[2] paynalties affore noted, the third tyme he to be deposed and discharged of the Bynke and excluded of the feleship of the breder for euer more.

And if it so fortune that eny of the seid breder have any resonable cause or mater to other, euery of them þat fyndeth hym greued [shall] showe his cause or greff to the Maire & masters of Corpus Christi gylde for the tyme beyng. [p. 224.] And the Maire & masters in that behalf to take a rule betwene the parties & other[3] for loue, fauoure or[4] aliaunce, as ryght & good consciens requireth, so [to] determine, awarde & ende the cause betwene the parties. And that none of the parties disobeie the warde of the seid Maire and maistres on the peynalties and discharging off the Bynke and feleship as is affore written. And also that euery of the seid breder put them in ther moste vttermoste and effectuall devoire to saue & increce the honoure of the Mairalte, and contynually reporte in euery place & company by ther Maire the moste honoure, worship & godenes thei con & may. And to ther heryng or knolech if any oþere persone in worde or dede repreue or dishonoure their Mair, that then euery of the seid breder in siche cause [shall] put hym in his moste effectuall devoire to rebuke, reconcile & refourme euery siche symple persone, to his pouer, on the payne & deposicion affore written.

Moreover it is ordeyned & acte by the seid Maire & brether, that if any of them disclose, open or vtter to any persone any maner of councell meoved, comened[5] or determyned amonge them, or to his power alter or contrary any maner of agrement emong them self concluded, as in namyng of ther new Maire upon Seynt Mathewe even[6], or for chosing of Burges for the parlement, or any oþer mater consernyng gode rule or profiȝte to the toune, the Maire or of his breder, he or thei furthwith to be deposed & discharged fro the Bynke & excluded of the feleship of the seid breder for euer more, etc.

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[1] negligent. [2] two. [3] for nother, neither.
[4] for nor. [5] communed. [6] *day* deleted (Sep. 21).

[p. 225.] *No man to be set on ye Bynk wythout ye consent of ye brethern.* Also it is ordeyned & acte that no Maire hereafter yn the tyme of his Mairalte sett no maner of man upon the Bynke with oute avise, councell & agrement of all his breder or the most part, yn payne of hymselfe to be discharged of the Bynke & excluded of the feleship of the seid breder for euer more after the tyme of his office of the Mairalte.

CCXIV. *Election of Members of Parliament.*

Hall Book, p. 2. [Jan. 12, 1478.] At a comon halle holden at Leycestre on the xii[t] day of Januarii in the yere aforewritten[1] at the which comon halle for a parliament to be holdon at Westmonister on þe xvi day of the same moneth and at the which comon halle was choson be my master the Maire and all his bretherne Peers Curtes[2] for to be on of ther brether of the Benche.

And also the same day the seid Peers Curtes was chosen be the Comons to be burges of the seid parliament.

And be the election of the Maire and his brether was choson at the same tym John Wygston.

[Followed by a note of the date of the beginning and end of Edward IV.'s parliament 16 Jan. to 25 Feb. 1478.]

CCXV. *Grant to the Borough for an Obit and Agreement thereon.*

Box G, No. 384[3]. Locked Book, p. 12[4]. [May 3, 1478.] To all Christ's faithful people to whom the present indented writing shall come, Ric. Elkesley late of Leicester, chaplain, greeting eternal in the Lord. Know ye that I, in the name and for the honour of God, the glorious virgin Blessed Mary and all the Saints of the Heavenly Court, and for the health of my soul, have given and granted to the Mayor, chamberlains and community of the town of Leicester for ever a messuage, formerly two messuages, set in the East suburbs of Leicester in the street called Belgravegate between the tenement late Roger Humberston's on the one side and the tenement of the gild of St Margaret of Leicester on the other side and it stretches from the King's highway to the lane called Barkby Lane: which said messuage, formerly two messuages, with its appurtenances, has been granted in my name, title and right by certain persons to Roger Wigston, Peter Curtes, John Roberdes, John Peny, Rob. Croft, Ric. Clement, Will. Chandler, Will. Pexsale and

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[1] 17 Ed. IV.

[2] He had been bailiff.

[3] Defaced and illegible.

[4] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 379.

Thos. Hervey of Leicester, in such wise as by charters and in other manner, form and condition following, to wit with twenty pence of sterling money yearly issuing from the aforesaid messuage, formerly two messuages, the chamberlains of the town of Leicester for the time being every year for ever shall keep, make and minister the obit or anniversary of me, Ric. Elkesley, chaplain, in the church of St Margaret aforesaid on the 11th day of August, to wit exequies and requiem mass with music (cum nota): In such a way that the chamberlains of the town of Leicester for the time being shall pay the vicar of the church of St Margaret aforesaid for the time being who shall be present at and sing the exequies and masses, 3*d.* out of the aforesaid 20*d.* yearly, and to the chaplain of the parish church there and to each of the two chamberlains of the gild of the said St Margaret's church there for the time being, being present at and singing the exequies and masses in this way, 2*d.* And to each of the two clerks of the said church for a like appearance (consimili introductione) 1*d.* And to the bell-man (campagerio) of the town of Leicester for the recommendation of my soul every year about the town of Leicester according to the custom there used 2*d.* And for ringing of the fourth bell of the church of St Margaret aforesaid at the time of the exequies and mass yearly 4*d.* And to the Mayor of the town of Leicester, and in the absence of the Mayor to the chamberlains of the town for the time being, for an oblation at the time of the celebration of mass yearly 1*d.* And for candles burning round my tomb at the time of the exequies and mass yearly 2*d.*

And further if any of the chaplains or clerks aforesaid for the time of the exequies and masses yearly to be made there in the manner and form aforesaid, be absent, then the money aforesaid ordained and assigned to them shall be recovered and kept by the chamberlains of the town of Leicester for the time being to the use and profit of the said town. And if it chance that the aforesaid 20*d.* be in arrears in whole or in part and not paid by the chamberlains of the town of Leicester for the time being on the day of the anniversary or obit aforesaid in the form aforesaid, then the Mayor, chamberlains and community of the town of Leicester by these presents will and grant that it shall be lawful to the vicar of the church of St Margaret of Leicester, for the time being, to distrain in the aforesaid messuage, formerly two messuages, with its appurtenances on the day of the anniversary or obit aforesaid, or on the morrow next and immediately following, for the money thus being in arrears, and to carry away the distraints so taken, and to drive away and retain them until the said 20*d.* together with the arrears thereof have been fully paid to them. And if sufficient distraint of and in the aforesaid messuage, formerly two messuages, at that time cannot be found, through which it can be distrained, then it shall be lawful to the aforesaid vicar of the church of St Margaret's for the time being to distrain from and in all the lands and tenements in the town and suburb of Leicester belonging to or appurtaining to the community of the said town of Leicester, for the aforesaid 20*d.* thus being in arrears, and to carry and drive away and keep the distraints so taken, until the said 20*d.* with the arrears therof have been fully satisfied and paid. In witness whereof both the seal of the Mayor, the chamberlains and the community of the town of Leicester and the seal of Sir John Bayhawe vicar of the church of St Margaret of Leicester and the executors of the will of the aforesaid Ric. Elkesley, chaplain, have been alternately set to the present indented writing: these being the witnesses: John Reynolde then Mayor of the town of Leicester, Rob. Sheryngham, John Yoman, John Wigston, and John Willymote and others of Leicester. Given at Leicester on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross in the 18th year of the reign of King Edward the Fourth after the Conquest.

CCXVI. *Copy of a Whetstone Manor Court Roll.*

Hall Book, p. 3. [Aug. 6, 1478.] *Wheston.* Curia Johannis Reynolde Maioris ville Leycestrie et communitatis eiusdem ville tenta ibidem coram eodem Maiore ac Willelmo Chaunler et Willelmo Peksale tunc camerariis eiusdem ville die Jovis prox. post festum S. Petri quod dicitur ad vincula a.r.r. Edwardi quarti post conquestum decimo octavo.

Essonia (2 names).

Homagium[1] (8 names). Jurati ac de diversis articulis huic curie tangentibus onerati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Will. Hastynges miles dominus de Hastynges debet sectam huic curie pro terris et tenementis suis que fuerunt Johannis Skevyngton & solvet inde finem[2] prout idem Joh. soluit ut patet superius etc. Et quod clausura inter Willelmum Vyncent et Willelmum Webster est defectiva in construccione murorum. Ideo preceptum est eis construere et facere illam citra festum Pasche prox. futurum sub pena cuiuslibet eorum xx*d.* Et quod Joh. Harberd (ii*d.*) iunior †fodiavit† super solum predictorum Maioris et communitatis ex opposito antiquo Pynfald sine licencia[3]. Ideo ipse in misericordia prout patet superius etc. Et quod Will. Vyncent (& 3 others[4]) retraxere sectam suam a

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Whetstone. Court of John Reynold, Mayor of the town of Leicester, and of the community of the said town, held there before the said Mayor, and Will. Chaunler and Will. Peksale then chamberlains of the said town on Thursday next after the feast of St Peter which is called "in chains," 18 Ed. IV.

Essoins (2).

The Homage. Sworn and charged on their oath concerning divers articles touching this court they say that Will. Hastings, knight, lord of Hastings, owes suit to this court for his lands and tenements which belonged to John Skeffington and he shall pay a fine for them, in such wise as John paid as appears above[5] etc. And that the enclosure between Will. Vincent and Will. Webster is defective in the building of the walls. Therefore it is ordered that they build and make it before the feast of Easter next following under penalty of 1*s.* 8*d.* each. And that John Harberd junior (2*d.*) has dug upon the soil of the aforesaid Mayor and community opposite the old Pinfold without licence. Therefore he is in mercy as appears above etc. And that

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[1] The body of tenants attending a manor court or the jury at such a court.

[2] Fin' iiii*d.* in the margin.

[3] In the margin "misericordia *d.*"

[4] Over each name ii*d.*

[5] No entry above.

communi furno ibidem sine licencia. Ideo ipsi in misericordia prout patet etc.

Afforatores {Tho. Bodycote
Joh. Kyng.

Summa huius Curie x*d.*

CCXVII. *Whetstone Rental.*

Hall Book, p. 4. [1478.][1] Rentale terrarum et tenementorum predictorum Maioris et communitatis in Wheston predicta renouatum ad hanc Curiam per recognicionem tenentium in forma subsequenda etc.

Homagium. Predicti dicunt quod Will. Hastynges miles dominus de Hastynges tenet libere 1 toftum et 1 dimidiam virgatam terre cum pertinenciis nuper Johannis Skevyngton quondam — Wynwyk per servicium reddendi inde per annum ad festum S. Michaelis archangeli q^{a}, et faciendi sectam curie etc.

Joh. Stretton in propria persona sua cognovit se tenere de prefato Maiore et communitate 1 messuagium et 1 dimidiam virgatam terre cum pertinenciis quondam Willelmi Stretton, reddendo inde per annum etc. ad festum Pasche et Sancti Michaelis archangeli iiii*s.* et sectam curie.

(And 15 similar entries.)

Summa totalis iiii*li.* v*s.* x*d.* ob.

Will. Vincent (and others) have withdrawn their suit from the common oven there without licence. Therefore they are in mercy as appears etc.

Affeerors (as above).

Sum of this Court 10*d.*

Rental of the lands and tenements of the aforesaid Mayor and community in Whetstone aforesaid, renewed at this court by recognition of the tenants in form following etc.

Homage. The aforesaid say that Will. Hastings, knight, lord of Hastings, holds freely 1 toft and half a yard-land with the appurtenances formerly John Skeffington's, sometime — Wynwyck's, by the service of rendering thence yearly at Michaelmas 1 farthing and doing suit of court etc.

John Stretton in his own person acknowledges that he holds of the aforesaid Mayor and community 1 messuage and half a yard-land with the appurtenances late Will. Stretton's, paying thence yearly etc. at Easter and Michaelmas 4*s.* and suit of court (etc.).

Sum total £4. 5*s.* 10½*d.*

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[1] Cf. Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 195.

CCXVIII. *Ordinances for brewers.*

Hall Book, p. 238. [Oct. 11, 1482.] At a comon halle, holden at Leycetre the Fryday next after the feste of Seynt Denys the Bysshop and Marter, yn the xxii^ti^ yere of oure sou[er]ayne lord Kyng Edwarde the iiii^th^, yn the tyme of mairealte of Peers Curteys beyng Maire of the seid town of Leycetre and ther afore the seid Maire and his breder †of the Benke† by the ordinaunce, wil & dede of all the hole comons, it is ordened, stablisshed and acte that, aftur the day of the seid comen halle, that[1] no maner persone dwellyng within this towne, subbarbes or †precenyctes† of the same that brewe or that schall brewe to sale, that thei tonne ne send forth out of ther houses þereof vntyl the tyme that the ale tasters haue taste it, and also abled hit. And if any of the seid brewers tonne or send oute of þer places any of ther seid ale tyll the ale taisters haue abled it, [he] schall forfet at euery suche faute vnto the Chaumbur of the towne of Leycetre for euery quarter of malte of that bruthen[2] iiii*d*. And that to be forthwith leueyed by the chamburlaynes of the town vnto the vse and behouf of the comons.

Moreouer it is ordened, stablisshed and acte at the seid comen halle affore the seid Maire, by the advise, concent and agrement of all his brether †of the Benke† and all the comens of the towne, that non of the Maires brether of the Benke schall neyder bake ne brewe to selle withynne þer howses nor withowte, nor no maner of persone yn þer name vnto ther behouff, yn payne of euery such persone to be founden fawty to be deposid and discharged of on the Benke after the fest of Seynt Marteyn Bysshop next comyng, the day and ȝere before written.

CCXIX. *Election of members of parliament.*

Hall Book, p. 18. [Jan. 3, 1483.] At a comon halle (date) yn the tyme of the Mairaltie of Maister Peers Courteis then beyng Maire, at the which comon halle were chosen burgeses for the parliament that is for to sey for the Comons, Maister Maire, and John Roberdes for the Maires Breder.

Hall Book, p. 20[3]. [Jan. 12, 1484.] At a comyn hall holden at Leycestre the Wednesday the xii day of January, the first yere of the

[1] redundant. [2] brewing. [3] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 379.

reigne of our soverain lord King Richard the iii^de^, in the Marialte of John Roberdes by power of the Kinges writte unto þe Maire, his brethren and the comminalte of the same, direct for the eleccion of the burges of the parliament for to begyn the xxiii day of January, ther is chosen by the Mayres brethren for to be burges John Roberdes[1] & by the comminalte ther is chosen to be burges Peres Curtes.

CCXX. *Decision on the ownership of an elm.*

V. B. No. 3. [Mar. 10, 1484.] Be it had in mynde that x^th^ day of March the first yere of the reigne of our souerain lord King Richard the iii^de^, in the tyme of Marialte of John Roberdes squier, a variaunce was depending bytwen Thomas Palet, oon of the comburges of the same toun, and oon William Mole of the same, shomaker, for shredding[2] of an elme vpon the ground of the said Thomas beside Saint Johns[3] in þe same toun, the which the said William had shred and said þat the said tree growe vpon his ground: For the which variaunce the said Thomas desired the said John Roberdes, Mayr aforsaid, John Fresley, John Willymot, Robert Croft, Thomas Phelip, comburges of þe said toun with dyuers othre, to take the labour vpon theym to se the said ground & tre, and eythre for to determyn þe same for to be þe tree of þe forsaid Thomas and for to stand on his ground or ellis for to be the tre of þe said William and for to stand on his ground: Who þan and there fande and determyned vpon theyr conscience þat the said tre was þe said Thomas is[4] and þat it stode vpon his grounde: And in avoiding of such inconueniences as afterward myght þerupon felowe[5], caused þe said determynacion for to be recorded herin, the day and yere abouesaid.

CCXXI. *Appointment of Aldermen and division of the Town into Twelve Wards.*

Hall Book, p. 22[6]. [Ap. 7, 1484.] At a comyn hall holden at Leycestre the vii day of Aprill, the first yere of the reigne of King Richard the iii^de^, at the which comyn hall it was ordeyned, stablissed & agreed as hereafter feloweth:

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[1] Then Mayor.
[2] Cutting the small branches.
[3] St John's Hospital.
[4] Two words, *MS.*
[5] follow.
[6] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 380, and Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 196.

In [nomine] dei Amen. And where as for the grete rumour, noyse and sklaunder that rynnes vpon this toun of Leycestre, of dyvers evel disposed persounes, as well of vacabundes, pety bribours, commyn frayers, and riotours, bawds, evil disposed women of theyr bodies, commyn skolders, as of broken paiements, stones, tymbre and muk to the grete noysaunce of the kingis peaple, to þe grete displesour of almyghty god, & vtter distruccion of this said toun, without due remedy therin be had:—

It is therfor agreed, ordeyned and stablisshed for a very due reformacion, remedy and correccion to be had in þat behalf, to þe pleasure of almyghty god, & in avoiding of þe premisses, by the hole assent, consent and agrement, as well of þe right honourable & worshipfull John Roberdes squier, at þat tyme beyng Mayr of þe same toun, and all his brethren, comburges of þe same toun, as by the worshipfull comminalte of þe same, hole assembled at þe said comyn hall: That þe said toun shalbe devided in xii wardes, and in euery of the said wardes oon of the Mayres brethren for þe time being, dwelling within þe same ward or next þerunto, to be called an Aldreman, and to haue full power and auctorite for to correct & punysh all such peaple as been afore reherced, or at eny tyme doing a trespace, after þe quantite of his trespas. And if eny such persoune or persounes be founden defectif in eny of þe premissez and woll not obeye the correccion and punyshment of the said aldreman: That þan þe said aldreman shall shewe his name & dealing vnto þe Mayre for þe time being, and he according to justice to correct & punysh þe said trespacez[1] and euery of theym, as often as eny of theym be founden so defectif in his person, vnto such tyme as he shall with benevolence submyt himself vnto his said aldreman, and to ask a pardon of him of his vngodely disobeing & demeanyng ayeinst him. And at every tyme as it shall happen eny such aldreman here after to decesse (or to be Mayr)[2]: That þan at the next comyn hall to be holden within þe said toun after his decesse an othre of þe Mayres brethren to be chosen an aldreman and to haue the said power and correction, and for to do correction and punysshement as is aforsaid. First it is agreed, stablisshed & ordeyned by the hole assent, consent and agrement of the Maire, his brethren & comminalte aforsaid:

That the first ward shall begyn at the high crosse in Leycestre aforsaid on both sides the strete northward to þe Mayres hall, with Apull gate, to Seint Nicholas Chirch, the lane behind þe said chirch,

[1] trespassers. [2] This phrase added in the margin.

and to the blac Frerers Lane. In the which ward, ther is chosen for to be Aldreman †Will. Holbech[1]†.

The ii^de^ warde to begyn in þe high strete at þe Mayres hall Lane, & þe Dede Lane ende on both sides the strete, vnto the North Gate, with Saint Peter Chirch yerd Lane, & Saint Johns Lane. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Rob. Grene†.

The iii^de^ warde to begyn from þe North Gate without, vnto the North bryge on both sides, Senuy gate on both sides vnto Saint Margarete Chirch and Sore Lane. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Rob. Croft†.

The iiii^th^ ward to begyn at Saint Margarete Chirch, vnto þe corner at þe litill brige without the Est Gate, and Belgrauegate on both sides vnto þe corner foryeinst the Berehillcros. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Tho. Touthby†.

The vth ward to begyn at Humberston gate on both sides, Galowe tre gate on both sides, & þe Roundell. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Joh. Penny†.

The vi^th^ ward to begyn from þe Est Gate on both sides þe strete unto Roger Triges and Pekeshall[2]. In the which there is chosen to be Aldreman †Peres Wynwod†.

The vii^th^ ward to begyn at Roger Triges and William Pekeshall, vnto þe high cros on both sides. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Joh. Reynold†.

The viii^th^ ward to begyn in þe Shepe Market on both sides, Lowesby Lane on both sides, vnto Th. Phelips, and þe chirch lane vnto þe high strete. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †John Willymot†.

The ix^th^ ward to begyn in þe Cank at Thomas Phelips, on both sides the Saturday market vnto the Est Gate. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †John Wigston†.

The xth ward to begyn at þe high cros suthward on both sides þe strete, vnto þe Gray frere lane & to the Sore Lane, the Hote gate, and so forth to þe West brige & without as fer as þe fraunches goes. In þe which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Rog. Wigston†.

The xi^th^ ward to begyn at þe said Grey frere lane & Sore Lane, vnto þe Suth gate on both sides, þe Sore Lane to Fosbroke Bakhous Lane[3] & Gun Dyke. In þe which þer is chosen to be Aldreman †John Fresley†.

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[1] These names erased and the names of other aldermen scribbled in and struck through or totally erased.

[2] Will. Pexsall's house.

[3] Afterwards called Fosbroke bakhouse.

The xii^th^ ward to begyn at þe Suthgate on both sides vnto þe Sepulcre Chirch. In the which ther is chosen to be Aldreman †Peres Curtes†.

CCXXII. *Letters Patent of Richard III. granting an annuity.*

Locked Book, p. 7. [Nov. 24, 1484.] Richard III. "in consideration of the true and faithful service which our well-beloved Mayor and burgesses of our town of Leicester have rendered to us, as also in relief of their costs[1] had and borne in this behalf, as also of the great ruin and decay in which the aforesaid town now is," grants to them a certain annuity of £20 for twenty years (etc. as in CXCV above[2]).

CCXXIII. *Ordinance of Henry VII.*

Hall Book, p. 215. [Jan. 31, 1486.] Henry by the grace of God King of England & of Fraunce & lord of Irland to our trusty & welbeloved the Justices of our peas & Shireif of our Counte of Leicestre greting. Where we of late yave vnto you in strait comaundement to se the statute & ordinaunce[3] made & provyded hertofore for the punysshment of vagabundes, beggers & other suspecte persones to be put in effectuell execucion, by whom grete noiaunce & inconveniences haue ensued among ye subgettes of this our realme through ye wild disposicion & ydelnes yat be longe tyme haeth ben vsed & had in ye same, ye whiche statute according to our seid commaundement ye, as we be enformed, haue ryght well & diligently put in execucion to our right singler pleasur, wherefore we hertely thank you, and for asmyche as it is credible shewed vnto vs, yat ye gaoles & prisons within euery counte in this our realme be so repleted & filled with vagabunds, beggers, suspecte persones & other persones, yat not onely it is grete jeopardie & noissaunce in ye kepyng of theim, but also for their long abyding in preson many perishe[4] for defaute, and for a conuenient and due remedye in this partie, we, by ye advyse of our counceill haue concludyd & decreed for ye spedy delyueraunce of ye seid gaoles, yat ye Justices of pease of euery Counte within this realme shall monethly[5] sitt & enquere of all vagabunds, beggers & suspecte persones & suche as shalbe delyuered by our seid Justices according to ye forme of the statute[6]

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[1] MS. *custum*[*entorum*]. [2] Sealed at London.

[3] Cf. *Rolls of Parl.* VI. 278 b. The discussion of the subject was begun in Henry's first parliament and postponed.

[4] Cf. Statute of 11 Hen. VII. c. 2. [5] Instead of quarterly, 12 R. II. c. 10.

[6] Justices of the Peace had power to enforce by 7 R. II. c. 5, 12 R. II. c. 10.

and be valiaunt in their bodies[1], be compelled by our seid Justices of our peas to do labour, if anny man, within the Counte where they be delyvered, woll sett theim to occupacion[2], & if no man ther woll take nor resceyve thaym, yat than they fynde suerte[3] or ellis be sworn to departe thens withoute deleye in to the countre where th[e]y were borne[4] or elles haue hade their most habitacion yn, euery of theym having of oon of our Justices of peas forsaid a bullet[5], specifying from whens they come, & wheder they shall; & as for other yat shall happyn to be enprisoned, we woll yat our said Justices of peas diligently enquere of theym & procede as fere as their power & auctorite extendeth, and suche other prisoners as their auctorite woll not extend vnto remaigne still in prisone, vnto ye comyng of our Justices of Gaole Delyuerer, and yat our said Justices from tyme to tyme enrolle the names as well of thaym yat shall be by thaym deliuered, as of thaym yat remaign still in prison, & yerof certefie vs & our counceill; which our decre & ordinaunce we woll & charge you yat in all goodly hast after ye recepe of this our lettres ye pute in effectuell execucion within our said Counte & so fourth at suche tymes as shalbe thought to your discrecions expedient; and yat in euery sessions to be holden within our seid Counte and other places within ye same expedient, we woll ye openly publisshe & proclaam our seid decre & ordenaunce. And ouer this we woll & charge yat at suche tyme as shal be thought to your discrecions moost expedient, ye do make suche maner serche & enquere for vagabundes, beggers & suspecte persones as of late by your commaundement was put in execucion within our seid Counte, and yat ye faill not herof as ye tender ye well of vs, & ye auncient tranquilite of this our realme, and as ye woll answer vnto vs at your perilles; chargyng you also yat vnder your seales ye do exemplifie this our decre & commaundement & ye same send to ye gouernours of euery town & borough fraunchesed & incorparat within our seid Countie where ye haue no rule nor jurisdiccion, commaundyng thaym on our behalve to execute ye same within their franchises, according to our said decre. Yeven vnder our priue seall at oure paloys of Westmynster the last day of Januarie the furste yere of our reign.

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[1] Able-bodied; 23 Ed. III. c. 7 forbade people to give money to valiant beggars that thereby they may be compelled to labour.

[2] This was to bring the beggars under the operation of the Statute of Labourers 23 Ed. III. c. 1.

[3] 7 R. II. c. 5.

[4] 12 Ric. II. c. 7 sent impotent beggars to the towns where they were born if the place where they were at the time of the statute refused to maintain them.

[5] billet.

CCXXIV. *Ordinance of Henry VII.*

Hall Book, p. 212. [March 4, ? 1486.] Henry by the grace of Gode Kynge of Englond & of Fraunce & lord of Irland to our right trusty and welbeloued the Justices of oure peas & ye Justices of our assise within our Counte of Leycestre gretyng. We wyll & charge you yat in our sessions & assises by you next to be holden within our seid Counte, & so forth from tyme to tyme as oft as shalbe thought to your discrecions most expedient, ye do make open & solempne proclamacions in forme followyng, and euer yat ye in our name commaunde our Shirrief of ye seid shire to do lyke proclamacions to be made in euery market towne within this bailleiwyke. The Kyng our souereigne lord, as a Christen & lowyng prince, entendyng to reduce this his realme to ye auncien honour & prosperite yat hit haeth stonden in, in dayes passed, & to[2] suche ordre in his seid realme to be kepte yat his subgiettes shall mowe[3] liwe in reste & in suertie of theire bodys, londes & goodes, for yat they may entend to lawfull occupacions without troble or vexacion, whiche may not be hade without reprissing & punyshement of theves, robbers & riottours, mayntenours & other mysdoers, for reformacion wherof dyuers noble estatutes hervnder wryten by grete avice & deliberacion be made & ordeygned, for execucion of which estatutes his seid grace strattely chargeth & commaundeth, yat euery of his seid subgeittes, to whom anny auctorite ys geven, se yat these estatuttes vnder wryten after his power be put in due & perfyte execucion, as he will avoyde his grete displeasur. Furste where hit ys ordayned for subduyng & reprissyng of murdres, robbers & other fenonyes[4] by the statute of Westmynstre[5], that euery man be redye & arrayed at ye dissire of ye Shirreif & at the cry of the countre as oft as shal be expedyent, to arrest all maner of felones as well within fraunchise as without, suche as do not so, & yereof be attainte, shall make yerfore with ye Kyng a grevous fyne; & yf anny defaute be founde in anny lord of anny fraunchisse, ye Kyng shall take & seise into his handes the same fraunches, and yf any defaute yerof be founde in anny baillie he shall haue enprisonment of a yere, and after ye yere make yerfore a grevous fynne to the Kyng, & yf the same

[1] The Statutes relating to this subject were ordered in Henry VII.'s first parliament to be proclaimed and enforced. See *Rolls of Parl.* VI. 278 b. [2] Redundant.
[3] be able to. [4] Felonies. [5] First Statute, c. 9.

baillie haue no goods tanswere ye Kyng for suche a fyne, then he shall haue enprisonment of two yeres; and yf any Shirreif, coroner or oyer baillie, within fraunches or without, for wynnyng[1] or for prayer or for any affynyte, counceill, consent, or procure to counseill, anny man for felonye doon, or anny of theim faine[2] to attache or arrest anny suche mysdoers, where they myght arrest theim, or faine to do their office in favoure of suche mysdoers, & therof be attaynte, they shall haue enprisonement of an yere yerefore & also make a grevous fyne with the Kyng, and yf they be not sufficient to pay ye Kyng ye sayd fyne, they to haue enprisonement of III yers; which statute with ye statute of Wynchestre, made fore ye subduyng of ye premyssez, whiche statute woll[3] yat forthwith after anny maner robberies & felonies doon & commytted, yat freshe sute be made from town [to town] & from countre to countre, as well within fraunches as without, after ye same mysdoers, vnto ye tyme they be takyn; & yf ye people dwelling within the towneshipe and hundred next adioynyng to ye place or places, where suche robbers or felonies shall hapen to be done, make not freshe sute as ys aboue rehersed, ye payn ys suche yat ye same peple shall aunswere of ye same robbers & felonies to ye partye so robbed within half a yere at the ferrest[4] after suche felonyes, onlesse then they bringe ye bodyes of ye same felones within the seid half yere, & for the more hastye remedye to the partyes greuyd in yat behalf ye same statute of Wynchestre ys, by ye statute made in the XXVIII yere of Kyng Edward[5] ye IIIth, confyrmed; and over yat, that ye seid people shall by ye seid statute answere to ye seid partie so robbed within XL dayes next after ye same robbers doon or bringe in ye bodyes of ye seid robbers, and yat no man herber anny man within ye subarbes of anny town or cite by day or by nyght but suche as he will answere fore, and yat euery baillie of euery town enquere wekely yf anny man contrarye to ye same statute: The whiche estatute[s] ye Kyng our souereign lord commaundeth yat thei be fermly kept & obserued upon payn in ye same statutes contayned. And for hasty punyshment to be hade of suche robbers & felones, ye Kynges seid highnes wyll, yat if anny suche robbers or felones be this[6] or other wyse lawfully takyn, yat he or they yat so taketh theim, with all delygence make notice yereof to be made to ye Justice of peace next dwelling to ye place where suche felones shall happen to be taken, and yat ye same Justice ordeigne of

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[1] emolument, see *Prompt. Parv.* s. v.

[2] refrain, avoid fulfilling the duty, after Fr. *feindre*, see *N. E. D.* s. v. feign.

[3] c. 1. 2. [4] Regular superlative of *far*. [5] c. 11. [6] thus.

his felaws with all deligence to sytt & lawfully enquere, hiere & determine the same felones according to ye statute yerof made in ye XVIII[1] yere of Kyng Richard the secunde, and for reprissing of riotts, routts & †orther† vnlawfull assembles of ye Kynges subgetts, his highnes commaundeth & stratly chargeth yat all ye statutes made for reprissing herof be put in due & strate execucion, & specially ye statute made in ye XIII yere of Kyng Henry ye IIII[th][2], by ye whiche it is ordeigned yat ye Justice of peas, III or II of theim, [with] the Shirrief or vndershirrief, where anny riotts, routts or vnlaufull assembles shall happen to be done, haue autorite & power to arrest all suche mysdoers as they fynd doyng anny suche offences in their prouince & theim to commaunde to be kepte in prisone as persones commytte by their recorde, & if anny suche riottes, & routtes or vnlawfull assembles be hade out of their prouince, yat than ye seid Justices of peace, III or II of theim, diligently enquere yerof within a moneth next ensuyng ye seid offences doon, & here & determine ye same, and if ye trouthe of suche offences cannot be founde afore theim, ye same Justice, III or II of theim, with ye Shirreif or vndershirref, within a moneth next after, shall certefie ye Kyng & his counceill of all suche dedes & of the circumstances yerof, vpon payn conteigned in ye same statutes; and for avoyding of vacabundes by whom grete hurtes & inconveniences dooth ensue to ye Kinges seid subgiettes, his highnes commaundeth & strattely chargeth yat all suche statutes as afore this be made for ye punyshment of theim, be put in due execucion, & specially yat euery Justice of peace of the shire, Maires, Baillies Counstables of townes & euery other gouerner of townes within ye shire where anny vagabundes come, diligently do examyn & compell hym suche as ben able in theire bodies, to worke[3], & to fynde sufficient suertie to be of good bering of suche persones as ben strainable[4], & if they can finde no suche suerte, to commytte theim to ye gaole, yere to abyde to ye comynge of ye Justice of Gaole Deliuerie, whiche at their commyng do punyshe theim according to ye statute made ye VIIth yere of King Richard the secunde[5]. Also his seid highnes commaundeth yat no man of his Counceill maintene anny quarell in anny place within this realme, vppon payne to be grevously punyshed by his highnes & by thaduice of his Councell. Nor yat noon officer or seruaunt of his maintene anny qwarell in anny place within the same realme vppon payne of lesing of their office & to be enprisoned & to make fyne &

[1] ? For 17 R. II. c. 10. [2] c. 7.
[3] Bringing them under the operation of the Statute of Labourers.
[4] distrainable. [5] c. 5.

raunson at his will, & yat noon other persons, what estate, degre or condicion he be of, mayntene anny maner quarell in anny place as is aboue seid vpon payn to haue like enprisonment & to make fine & rauncon as is aboue rehersed according to ye statute made in ye first yere of King Richard the secounde; also where the Kynges seid highnes vnderstondeth yat by gyffyng of liveries, signes & tokyns & vnlawfull retaindres of his subgiettes, by promyses, endentures & other many inordinat thynges doeth ensue as well maintenaunce as ryotts, vnlawfull assembles of his subgietts, for subduyng & reprissing therof he chargeth & strattely commaundeth yat all ye statutes for ye seid cause ordeined & provided be obserued & kepte vppon ye seuerall paynes conteined in the same & specially made in the statute in the VIIth yere of King Edward the IIII[th][1] for ye reprissing of ye same premisses wherby it is ordeined yat no persone, what estate, degre or condicion yat he be of, by hymself, or anny other by hym, gevyn[2] anny suche liveries or signes or retaigne anny persone other then his menyall seruauntes, officers or men lerned in yat oon law or in yat other[3], by anny wrytyng, othe, or promyse, vppon payn of forfaiture of euery suche lyuerey or signe geven c*s.* & for euery suche reteinyng or accepting of anny suche oothe or promisse or reteignyng by endenture shall forfete yerfore c[*s.*], & for euery monethe yat anny persone is so reteigned with hym & also yat euery persone so reteined by wryting, endenture or other promysse, for euery suche moneth yat he is so reteined forfaite & lese c*s.*, as more largely it is conteined in ye seid statutes[4]. Yeven vnder our prive seall at our palais of Westmynstre the IIIIth day of Marche ye yere of our reigne etc.

CCXXV. *Copy of an Act of Parliament.*

Locked Book, p. 16. [1487.] "Thact of parliament for corowners and justices of the pease." A copy of the statute 3 Henry VII., c. 2. See *Statutes of the Realm*, II. 510 sq.

CCXXVI. *Lease from the Borough.*

Box H, No. 406[5]. [March 18, 1487.] Counterpart lease from Thomas Pallet, Mayor, Tho. Broughton, Barth. Lyon, Chamberlains, in the name of all the commonalty to Margaret Clifton, widow (vidue), of a cottage in the Northgate between a tenement of John Bradgate on the South and of Hugh Thomson on the

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[1] c. 2. [2] may give. [3] Canon or civil law.
[4] And so by the statute of 8 Ed. IV. c. 2. [5] In English.

North, stretching to a garden (garthyn) of John Dannett Esq. on the East and the King's highway on the West; for 61 years; at 3*s.* 6*d.* yearly rent. (Distraining and repair clauses.) Witnesses: John Roberts, Roger Wigston, John Wigston, and others.

CCXXVII. *Memorandum of securities.*

Hall Book, p. 251. [Undated. ? same as the preceding entry, *i.e.* Nov. 3, 1487.] Memorandum yat thes ben the perselles yat the forsayd Annes Saxe hasse to surete of Randull Beryngton. Item a now[1] gyrdyll of violet with a gret pendent & a gret brode bukyll.

Item a nodyr now gyrdyll of violet and blow with a long pendent and a bukyll hameld[2] and ii golde rynges, the lese a dyamond in, and a nother ryng of sylver and gylt and anameld, a purse & a par of knyffes & a napkyn to couer salte & bred inbroderd, & a napkyn with a purse in the ende, also an emage of blake get[3] of seint James, closyd with sylver of ye bakesyde.

Memorandum yat thes ys the gudes yat Randull Beryngton has of Annes Saxce. Item ii materas, ii couerlattes & a blanket, a standyng bed, a pan of vi galons, a kettell, a brandyrne[4] & ii lomes[5] & a stryke, a beryng lepe[6], a forme in the carters chambre. Allso a pen (peu?) & ix quysschonys[7]. Allso a hallyng[8] ys in sir howys[9] chambre, a testur for a bed & ii valonys[10]. Allso a trape[11] for a trowh & ii hokes & a per of pote hyngylles[12] in ye ha[ll][13]. Also an iren candyllstyke & a pollax, a byll, a matteras, a stedy-stoke[14] and a per of tabelles[15].

CCXXVIII. *Letters of Henry VII. reciting the liberties of the Duchy of Lancaster.*

Box H, No. 407. [Dec. 12, 1487.] Henry to the Justices, Sheriffs etc. reciting the grant of Edward III. to John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster and his wife that all their men of the lands and fees which belonged to Henry Duke of Lancaster on May 7 16 Ed. III. should be quit of pavage, passage, "paage," lastage, stallage, tallage, carriage, pesage, pickage, terrage throughout the realm; and Richard II.'s grant of fines (as in Hardy's *Duchy of Lancaster*, p. 93, l. 23 to p. 97, l. 3 from the foot); and a charter of Henry IV. confirming that in all the

[1] new. [2] enamelled. [3] jet. [4] andiron, or fire-dog.
[5] drinking vessels; see glossary to *Nottingham Records*, III. IV.
[6] a carrying basket, bearleap. [7] cushions. [8] tapestry or painted cloth. [9] Hugh.
[10] valances. [11] MS. ? crape. Cotgrave gives "trape, a boord."
[12] pair of pot hooks. [13] cropped. [14] or "stithy-stock."
[15] pair of tables or backgammon boards.

lands belonging to him before the assumption of his royal dignity the liberties granted should be exercised by the officers hitherto accustomed to exercise them, by virtue of charters made concerning the same; and a grant made in the parliament of 4 Nov. 1 Ed. IV. (as in Hardy's *Duchy of Lancaster*, p. 324, l. 23 to p. 325, l. 5).

"And also by the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and of the community of our realm of England in our parliament at Westminster being on the 7th day of November in the first year of our reign, and by authority of the same, it is ordained and established among other matters that we, from the 21st day of August in the first year of our reign shall have, hold, enjoy and possess all the honours, castles, demesnes, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, possessions, hereditaments, fee farms, knights' fees, advowsons of churches, annuities, forfeitures of the market, tourn of the hundreds, view of frankpledge, leets, issues, fines, amercements, liberties, franchises, escheats, customs, remainders and all other hereditaments whatsoever with the appurtenances in England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland and the marches of the same which the most Christian and blessed prince Henry formerly King of England the Sixth our great-grandfather had of hereditary estate or which any other had to his use on the 2nd day of October in the 34th year of his reign, or at any time after, as parcels and in right and title of his duchy of Lancaster, or which were in the hands and possession of Edward sometime King of England the Fourth, on the 4th day of March in the first year of his reign, or at any time after, or which were in the hands and in the possession of Richard the Third, late *de facto* and not *de jure*, King of England in the time of his reign, with all the liberties and free customs, franchises and other things whatsoever, pertaining or belonging to the premises or any of the premises, in as full and large a manner and in such manner, form and condition separate from the crown of England and its possessions, in such wise as Henry IV., Henry V., Henry VI. our ancestors, sometime Kings of England, or the said Edward sometime King of England the Fourth aforesaid, had or held the premises or any of them. We command you that all and singular the liberties, customs, franchises and royal rights aforesaid within our borough, honour and demesne of Leicester and in all its members which is parcel of our said duchy of Lancaster as in other places whatsoever within our said duchy of Lancaster may be had, exercised, continued and made, and the aforesaid men and tenants and residents of the liberty may use and enjoy the said liberties, franchises and customs, according to the tenour of the ordinances of these present letters made concerning the same, not molesting or aggrieving them in aught contrary to the tenour of the same. Given at London under the seal of our duchy aforesaid, on the 12th day of December in the third year of our reign."

By the council of the duchy aforesaid.

W. Heydon.

CCXXIX. *Annuity to the borough from Henry VII.*

Locked Book, p. 6[1]. [Feb. 16, 1488.] Henry by the grace of God Kynge of Engelond & of Fraunce & lord of Ireland, to all to whom thies oure lettres schal be shewed gretynge. Know ye[2] that

[1] Cf. *Materials for the reign of Henry VII.* ii. 244. Throsby's *Leicester*, p. 77. Nichols iv. i. App. p. 382.

[2] The MS. adds "vs."

in consideration of the true & faithful service that the Maire & burgeses of oure towne of Leicestre have done unto us & hereafter entend to doo, and also the gret costes & charges that they haue susteigned & borne by oure commaundement in our iournees, feeldes & batailles, & the costes that they dyde & made vpon our servauntes wounded & maymed in our furst feld to their coste & charge of clxxx*li.* and to thentent that they schuld be stronge hereafter better to kepe our lawes and peax within our said town, & also that the said Mair & burgesses shall support & help to be kept ourr marcates on Wennesday, Fryday & Setturday euery weke ther to be holden, & for the affection that we haue & bere to our subiettez of oure said town for their kyndenes and dymerites rehersed, wee of our grace especiall haue yeven & graunted unto the said [Mayer] & burgeses & thaer successours an annuite & annuell rente of xx*li.* sterling to be hade & perceyved yerely from the feest of Saint Mighell thArkangell last passed for the terme of vii yeres than next ensuynge by the handes of our Receivour & baylyff of our said town & honour of Leicestre for tyme beynge at the feast of Easter & of Seint Myghell thArchangell by even porcyones. In wittenes wherof we have doon to be made thies oure lettres patentez. Given at oure Cite of London undur our seall of oure said duchie the xvi day of Feverer, the third yere of our reigne.

per billam manu domini Regis signatam[1].

CCXXX. *Ordinances for the government of the Town.*

Hall Book, p. 29[2]. [June 5, 1488.] *Yat one townesman shall not sue another in no court [but in] the Maires Court.* At a comyn hall halden at Leycestre the Wednysday next before the fest of Corpus Christi day the iii^de^ yere of ye reigne of our souerain lorde king Henry the VIIth in the tyme of mayralte of Roger Wygston by the assent and agrement of the sayde Mayre and hiis brethere and all the Comons thare beyng present in thes maner and forme yt hiis ordeyned, agreyd, stabylyshed and acte that yf a ny[3] persone or persons that ar fraunchyst or vnfraunchesyd sue non of hiis nyghtburs nedyr be spirituall law ne temporall law, nother for dette, tryspas nor oder action, seurete of pesse ne for serues[4] withowt

[1] By bill signed by the hand of the king.

[2] Another copy in the Book of Acts, p. 27. Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 382. The title of the Act is taken from the Book of Acts.

[3] "If any...none" should be "no...any."

[4] service.

lycense of ye Meyre[1] bot only byfor ye sayd Maire of thiis town, in payn of inpresonment of xl dayes in preson and makyng the costes gude yat he maketh hiis nyghtburs so to losse; and allso after thiis day he yat so doffe[2] schall losse hiis franchise and hiis fredom of ye town (for ever and to forfett xl*s.* to the sayd town)[3]. And allso thare wer chasyn offesours as hereafter foloth to gedyr xv peny (12 names for the four quarters).

For freis & bludshedd. [4]Also by the assent and agrement of the Mayre and hiis brethern and alle the comons thare beyng present, in thes maner and forme it ys ordeynyd, agreyd and stablysched & acte, that yf ony persone or persones make a fray at the hay[5] crosse of Leycestre & blode drawe, he schall forfet vi*s.* viii*d.*

Item yf a fray be made at þe †hay† crosse & no blude drawn the maker of the fray schall pay iii*s.* iiii*d.*

Item a fray made on the Marcett day in ony part of the town, the maker of ye fray schall pay vi*s.* viii*d.*

Item a fray made in any part of ye towne not on ye marcat day & blude draun iii*s.* iiii*d.*

Item a fray & not blude draun[6] xx*d.*

[Book of Acts, p. 29[7].] Also yf any man make a fray & not blode drawne not beyng on the markyt day in any part of the towne, from the hye crosse, the maker of the fray shall pay xx*d.* all whiche frays & blodsheddes the forfeytes therof shalbe levyed & gatherd by the chamberlyns for the tyme beyng to thuse of the chamber of the seid towne of Leycester.

[Book of Acts, p. 27.] *An acte for vnlawfull games*[8]. At the same comon hall[9] yt was enactyd that no man of the towne nor of the countrey play within the fraunchessys of this towne for money at no vnlawfull games that be defendyd by eny law, statute or parliament[10], that ys for to sey dyce, cardes, bowles, half bowle[11], hassardynge, tennys, pryckyng with arrowes[12], coytyng with stones, or cowytyng with horsesshone, pennypryk[13], foteball, classhe, coyles[14], checker in the

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[1] Cf. above p. 290 the ordinances of 1467. [2] doth.

[3] Last clause added in another ink. The whole confirmed 10 Dec. 18 Hen. VIII. as a note at the side shews.

[4] In the Book of Acts, p. 29, with slight variants in phrasing. And see Nichols *ut cit.*

[5] For "high," as in the Book of Acts.

[6] Some of the misspellings of this page have been corrected at a later date.

[7] The Book of Acts enters this clause in the place of the short clause that concludes the above. [8] See above p. 290. [9] June 5, 1488. [10] See note 5, p. 290.

[11] Played with half a bowl, see Strutt, p. 274.

[12] Picking with arrows, see above p. 290 n. 7. [13] See above p. 290 n. 8.

[14] Closh and kayles are both described as resembling ninepins.

myer, or shovegrote[1], in peyn of imprisonment to euery man that pleythe at any of the seid vnlaufull games, and to forfeyt [to] the Chamber of the towne of Leicestre accordynge to the statute therfore provyded, & that the owner of the howses, gardyns, allyes & places where any suche vnlaufull games †ere† kept & mayntenyd to forfeyt & pay accordyng to the seid statute.

An acte for catall goyng abrode. At the same comon hall yt was enactyd that no man shold suffer nether neyt nor swyne to go abrode, nether before the herde go nor after the herde come home, but that euery man kepe in his seid cattall, both neyt & swyne or other bestes, vppon peyn of euery best & swyne what kynde so euer yt be, so oft as they be takyn out of ther masters kepyng, goynge abrode, to forfeyt ii*d.* apece that to be levyed by the Chamberlyns for the tyme beynge to the vse of the Chamber of ye towne[2].

[Book of Acts, p. 30, same date[3].] *An acte for carryenge of bred.* Also that no baker within this towne take vppon hym to carrye any maner of bred into the cuntrey but that fyrst they & euery of them shall bryng ther seid bred on horsebake to the Mayer for the tyme beynge or to the wardyns of that occupacion & ther to be weyyd & to se whether yt be able bred & holsome for mans body accordyng to the statute[4], vppon peyn to forfeyt for the fyrst tyme doyeng the contrary xii*d.*, the seconde tyme xx*d.*, & the thyrd tyme iii*s.* iiii*d.*

[Book of Acts, p. 30, same date.] *An act for chandlers.* Also that all tallowe chandlers as well of the towne as of the countrey, that makythe candell to sell, do not in any wise take vppon them to sell any candell but after suche assyse as Mr Mayer for the tyme beyng & the Justices shall gyve vnto them & they that takythe vppon them after this acte be proclamyd to breke any part of the meynyng therof, without the consent of the seid Mayer & Justices for the tyme beyng, shall forfeyt for euery tyme makyng defaut iii*s.* iiii*d.*, & further that yf any tallow chandler do at any tyme herafter withdraw them selves from thorder of this acte that than euery suche offendour shall suffer imprisonment duryng Mr Mayre & the Justices wyll & plesure.

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[1] Or shovel-board.

[2] See above p. 292.

[3] Nichols IV. i. App. p. 390 gives the substance of it as of 14 Hen. VIII.

[4] See note 13 p. 289.

CCXXXI. *Act of Parliament for the government of Leicester.*

Locked Book, f. 17. [25 Jan.—27 Feb. 1489.] (Summary[1].) Great discords having arisen in the towns of Northampton and Leicester and other boroughs corporate among the inhabitants at the election of Mayors and officers, by reason of the multitude of the inhabitants being of little substance and of no discretion, who exceed in the assemblies the other approved, discreet and well-disposed persons, and by their confederacies, exclamations and headiness have caused great troubles in the elections and in the assessing of lawful charges, it is ordained by parliament that henceforth the elections of officers and assessing of lawful charges in the town of Leicester shall be made in the following way. The Mayor and his brethren or the more part of them, shall choose 48 of the wiser inhabitants and shall change the 48 or part of them as often as seems necessary. The Mayor and his brethren and the 48, or the more part of them, shall yearly elect the Mayors, and this election shall be as valid as if it had been made in the old way. All other officers who have to attend on the Mayor shall be elected by the Mayor and his brethren only, or the more part of them. If the votes are equal the Mayor has a casting vote. Elections made in any other way are void. For attempting to infringe the Act the fine is £10, half to the King, half to the Mayor to go towards the charges of the town, the Mayor having power to commit to prison without bail or mainprise those who do not pay the fine. (The subject of assessment is not dealt with.)

CCXXXII. *Oaths of Borough Officers and others.*

Hall Book, p. 35. Locked Book, p. 1[2]. [1489?] *The othe of the Mayr.* I shall maynteyn the peax of our lord the King and the affrayers ther ayeinst and the disturbours therof I shall do to be arest and punyshe as the lawe woll. I shall maynteyn the Assise of brede, wyne & ale & all othre maner vitaillez, and the trespasours with theym I shall punyshe as the lawe woll. I shall assey all maner of weghtys and mesures, and the fals I shall dampe and the trespasours with theim I shall punyshe as the lawe woll. I shall suffre no forstaller nor regrater dwell within thys toun, nor the fraunches of the same. I shall do even right as well to the pore as to the riche. And all ȝere gode customes and fraunchessez of this toun I shall support and maynteyn during the tyme of myn office, so helpe me God and all saints.

[1] Cf. Throsby's *Leicester*, p. 74. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 383. *Northampton Records* I. 101, and *Rolls of Parliament* VI. 432 for copies in the original spelling. The Northampton Act is in different terms, the brethren being there described as former Mayors and bailiffs; the 48 are to be chosen from the discreeter sort and shall not have been Mayors and bailiffs. The election of bailiffs too is put on the same footing as the election of Mayors.

[2] Cf. Throsby, p. 78 (from the Locked Book), Nichols IV. i. App. p. 377 (from the Hall Book).

The Othe of the Juricz (for the Mayrs brederen[1]). This here you, Mayre and Juries, and the brethren of the Gilde, that I shall yelde & gyf lawfull jugement. I shall do laufully as well to the pore as vnto the riche eueriche after þe quantite of theyr trespas. I shall come contynually to the Court of Portemote and at the somons of my Mayre whan I shalbe warned by his officers if I be in the toun, without a resonable excuse[2]; and that I shall maynteyn lawfully the Assise of brede, wyne and ale and all other vytailles with my Mayr, and I shall maynteyn the fraunchesses and gode custumes of this toun & the same kepe. So God helpe me and all seints.

The othe of theym that entre into þe Chapman Gilde[3]. This here you, Mr Mayr & the brethren of the Gilde, that I truly the custumez of my Gilde shall lawfully holde and my Gilde in all thing sue. I shall lote and scot with my brethren of the Gilde, whethre I dwell in the townes fraunchessez or in þe Bishops Fee or any oder place. Also I shall warn my Mayre and the gode folkes of the toune if I knowe eny man þat merchaundeth within the fraunchessez of this same toune that been able for to entre into the same Gilde, and also I shall be obedient and suenge at my Mayrez commandement & somons and the gode custumez and fraunchessez of this toun to my power I shall maynteyn, as God me help & all seints.

[Hall Book, p. 37.] *The Othe of the Chamberlaynes*[4]. We shalbe faithfull and true officers vnto our Maister the Mayre diligent of attend[aunce at] all tymes liefull, obedient to his commaundement and redy to do hys precepts. [We] shall enprowe the lyvelode belongyng to the comminalte of þis toune of Leycestre to [the most] behove of the same toun and the tenements þeroff we shall well & suffyciently [reparell[5]] durynge our office. We shall endevour us also for to enprowe the Chap[man Gylde] to the vttermost of our powers. We shalbe attendaunt at the Corne wall on [the Setturdaye] durynge our yere and the same to our powers we shall ordre. And all traunters[6] [that ther can] be founden we shall present to our maister the Mayre †and all hors & [mares that] þere can be founden we shall cause them to be had from the Corne w[all & out] of the market-place[7]†. And moreover we shall well and truely charge & [dyscharge]

[1] Added later. The Locked Book has "The Othe of the Mayer's brether." See p. 33 above.

[2] Added in the margin "or lysens of his Maiere or dispensasion of ye Maiere & his brether."

[3] See p. 32 above.

[4] Badly frayed at the margin. The missing words are supplied from the Locked Book.

[5] repair.

[6] pedlars, carriers.

[7] Deleted in the Hall Book, retained in the Locked Book (later).

our selfe of all landes, rentes belongyng to this toun & of the Chapmans [Gilde and] of all oþere mony as shall come to our handes belongyng vnto the cominalte of [this towne] and þeroff a true accompt shall yelde up vnto the auditourz assigned in þe [ynde of our] yere and all other thynges liefull þat belongethe or perteynethe to our [offices well] & truly to our powers we shall do. So keepe us God and all his saints.

(Followed in the Hall Book, p. 37, by another copy of the same, and preceded by another version of the Chamberlains' Oath which is struck through. It runs:

We shall yef due & lawfull attendance vpon Master Maier duryng [our office] and also oversee all landes and tenements belongyng to ye body of the toun of [Leicestre] as well within ye toun as withowtt and theim shall suffisantly se reparilled [during] our office. And we shall latt Mr Maier have in knowlege of all thoes yat [are] able to entre into ye Chapman Gilde yat merchandyse within ye toun and shall [endevor] vs to bryng theim into the same gild. And over this we shall treuly charge [our]self of all such mony as shall growe due vnto this toun within our yere [of office] of eny lands, tenements, Chapman Gild or oþerwise and in thend of our yere þerof a treue accompt shall yeld up vnto ye auditors yereunto chosen. So help us God and all saints.

Hall Book, p. 38. *The Othe off Fische Sayers*[1]. [We] shall take a lawfull asaye of all maner of fyshe and wekely [on the] markett dais serche that it be salte and swete and able for [ma]nnys body. †Also we shall make dewe serche and take a lawefull [asaye] of all maner vitayls dyght[2] by the comyn cokes of this towne, that it be able and holsome for mannys body, both in rostyng, boylyng and bakyng and that [they] rechauf[3] no maner vitailles to rost, byle ne bake any maner vitayle twyes. And yf [we] fynde any vitayll defectyve, both the vitaill and the trespasour therwith we shall present afore the Maire. Thies and all oþer thinges that longeth and pertyneth to the [offi]ce of fyssh sayers we shall truely and duely execute and do to our power [and] knowlech: so help vs God allmyghty and all saints.

The oth of the Flessh Sayers. We shall take a lawfull asay of all maner of flessh that it be not takket[4] [with] pok, moreyn, mesell, ne non oþer contagyous syknes ne defaulte, but that it be [go]de, holsome and conuenient for mannys body. We shall suffre no bullflessh to be

[1] Much faded.
[2] Dressed.
[3] Warm up, see p. 289.
[4] Spotted, blemished; Fr. tacher.

(kylde or[1]) sold within this towne but it have ben bayted afore[2] (or elles license askyd of the Mayor). We shall wekely as well on the markett [day] as on other dayes make due serch for flessh defectiue, and if we fynde any vitaill defectiue both the vitaill and the trespassour therwith we shall do tache[3] and present before our Maire. This and all other thinges that belongith and perteyneth vnto thoffice of flessh sayer we shall duely and truely execute and do to our powers duryng the time that we occupie the said office. So help vs almyghty God and his sayntes.

Hall Book, p. 38 and Locked Book, p. 2. *The Othe of the Constables.* [I] shall trewe constable be and trew arestys make of all affrayes and [dys]turblers of the Kyngis peas and off all felons within my office. And shall trewe othe giffe vnto the wachman and in dewe [houre] durynge the tyme off the same. I shall mayntene all [m]anner the kinges offycers within my constableshippe durynge [the tyme] off my said office. And all other thynges that aperteyneth to my office I shall dewly & trewly execute to my power and knowledge. So helpe me God and all his saints.

The Othe of the Freborrowes[4]. I shall trew freborowe be and dewe presentments [make of all] felons, breykers and dysturbelers of the Kynges peax, of wauys & streyuys[5] and of all mysrulyd peple, [and I] shall gyve trewe warnyng nyghtly to the wachemen [during] the wachynge tyme. And all odre thynges doo that [belongyth vnto] þe office of a freborrowe durynge the tyme þat I occupye. [So help] me God & all his saintes.

Hall Book, p. 39. *The Othe of the Aletasters.* We shall dewly and trewly serche and assay a[ll maner[6]] of ale brewd to be solld within the presinxtes of oure b[orough] [and] that whiche is good we shall able and that þat is ill [we shall] not able, as and if it be raw, red or long ropyd[7] [or any] odre faute haue. And we shall nott lett for fauour [or for] hatred, kyn or alyence, but we shall do evyn [right and pun]nyghe as oure myndis and consciences woll serve. [And] that ale þat we shall fynde defectiue we shall [presentment] make þeroff and off þe honor[8] to the Mayre for [the tyme] beyng, and this we shall dewly and trewely at all tymys. So helpe vs God and all his s[aints].

[Ibid.] *The othe of the lether sayers*[9]. We shall duely and truly

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[1] The passages in brackets ( ) added in a later hand.

[2] See above p. 289.

[3] Cause to be attached.

[4] Frithborh, frankpledge.

[5] Waifs and strays.

[6] Defaced.

[7] See above p. 288.

[8] Owner.

[9] Assayers.

serche & take a lawfull asay of all lether within this towne of Leycestre that it be well & sufficiently barked & able. And yf we fynd any defectyve, both the lether & the trespaser therewith we shall doo tache & present afore our Mayre. This & all thynges þat belongeth & apperteyneth vnto the office of lether sayer we [shall] duely & truly execute & doo to our power durynge the tyme that we [hold] the seyd office. So help vs God and all his seyntts.

Hall Book, p. 43. *The othe of thoccupacions.* I shall truly do & execute all good rulez & customes contenyd & specyfyed within myne ordynall[1]. I shalbe obbedyent to my wardyns commaundement at altymes convenient. I shall truly & duly pay all suche duties & forfeytes as shalbe dew within the seid ordynall & all other good rules & customes belongynge to the seid ordynall to my knolege & power I shall meyntene & kepe so God me helpe etc.

Hall Book, p. 40. Locked Book, p. 2. *The Othe of the Recorder.* You shall swere to be trewe to our lege lorde[2] the Kynge and his heyres Kynges. You shall iustlye dow justyce as well to the pore as to the ryche. And all other thynges to your offyce of Recordership belongyng you shall well and truly dowe to your power. So helpe you God & by the holly Ewangelystes & by the contents of thys boke.

Locked Book[3], p. 2. *The Othe of the Mayers Offycers, his Clark and Sargeaunt.* I shall trewe and faythfull offycer bee vnto my master the Mayer for this yeare being, and to his levetennande in his absens, and to all other there successors, Maiers and levetennaundes of the same towne, duringe the tyme of my offyce and servis. The councell and cecrettes of this towne I shall not vttar nor disclose, but faythfully kepe. I shall bee delygent and redye att the Maiors commaundement. And in lykewise to his levetennande for the towne busynes as helpe me God &c.

CCXXXIII. *Order to refund the Mayor and send a messenger.*

Hall Book, p. 34[4]. [May 25, 1489.] At a comen hall holden the xxv day of May the v^te^ yere of our souerain lord abouesaid, it was agreed & condescended by Thomas Davy, Mayr of the toun aforesaid & his brethren, comburgesses of the same, & by the XLVIII, for & in

[1] Book containing the ordinances governing his trade.
[2] In the Locked Book "oure lyche lady the queen" (Mary).
[3] Not in the Hall Book, so perhaps of later date.
[4] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 383.

the name of the hole body of the toun, that John Selby & William Walding chambrelains of the said toun shuld content & paye of theyre propre godes vnto Thomas Davy, Mayre, abouesaid the somme of x*li* x*s*. for half ye xv^te^[1] by the said Thomas payed vnto our soverain lord the King for and in the name of the hole body of the forsaid toun, in lyke maner & forme as othre chambrelains haue doon for such lyke charge & oþere charges to the said toun apperteyneng, vnto such tyme as they may levy[2] it ayein of the revenuez & oþer receiptes of þis said toun of Leycestre & to this toun apperteynyng. And over this it was agreed the forsaid day & yere by the forsaid Mayr his brethren & by the XLVIII that John Assheby shuld ryde to London to have communicacion with the counsell of the duchie & with my lady of Yorkes[3] counsell for the matter concernyng taking of toll & passage-money of thinhabitants of this said toun by the officers of Grantham. And that the forsaid John shuld haue & perceyve of the chambrelains abovesaid dayly in going & comyng the somme of xii*d*. fore his costes, his hors costes & for his reward etc.

CCXXXIV. *Order from Henry VII. on the government of the town.*

Locked Book, p. 16[4]. [July 2, 1489.] Herry by the grace of God King of England & of France & lord of Ireland to our trusty & welbeloved the Mayr, baillief, comburges & burges of our toun of Leycestre parcell of our duchie of Lancastre & to euery of theym greting. And for as much as we bee enfourmed that at euery eleccioun of the Mayr ther, or burges of the parliamentes, or at assessyng of eny lauful imposicions, the commonaltie of oure said towne, as well pore as riche, have alway assembled at youre comen hall, wher as such persones as bee of lytyll substaunce or reason & not contributories, or ellys full lytill, to the charges susteyned in such behalue, and haue had interest thorugh theyr exclamacions & hedynes to the subuersion not oonly of the gode polyce of oure seid town but lykly to the often breche of the peax & othyr inconvenientes, encresing and causyng the falle, mysery & declyne of our seid town and to the grete discorage of you the governours there, for reformacion wherof, & to thentent that gode ruele & substanciall ordre may be had & entreteyned there from hensforth, we woll & straitly charge you & also

[1] The fifteenth. [2] MS. levyed.
[3] Cecily, duchess of York, mother of Edward IV.
[4] See *Materials for the history of Henry VII.*, II. 456. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 382.

commaunde you, the said Mayr, bailief, & XXIIII comburgeses of our seid toun, now being, & that for the tyme hereafter shalbe, that at all comen halles & assembles herafter to be holden þere, aswel for the electioun of the Mayr, of the Justicez of the peax, & burgesses of our parliamentes, as also at assessyng of eny lauful imposicioun or othrewise, ye ioyntely chese and call unto yov our baillief of our seid toun for the tyme beyng & oonly XLVIII of the most wise & sad comyners inhabitants þere after your discrecions of the same cominaltie & no mo. And ye than to ordre and direct all maters occurrent or happenyng amonges yov as by your reasons & consciens shalbe thoughte lieful & moost expedient. Yeven at our palays of Westmynster vnder our seale of our said Duchie the secound day of †Juyll† the IIII^te^ yere of our reigne.

Per consilium ducatus predicti[1].

CCXXXV. *Election of the Four-and-twenty.*

Hall Book, p. 36[2]. [Sep. 17, 1489.] Be it knowen that on the XVII^te^ day of Septembre the Vte yer of the reigne of our souerain lord King Herry the VII^te^, Thomas Davy than beyng Mayr of the toun of Leycestre, by the advise, assent & consent of the said Mayr & his brethren, named XXIIII^ti^, in obseruyng & obeyeng the precept & commandement of our said souerain lord the King conteyned in writing vnder the seall of his duchie of Lancastre, and willing the comen wele of the toun of Leycestre aforesaid, were sworn vpon the holy Euuangelist so help theim god, our lady & all the company of heven: That after the forsaid XVII day of Septembre noon of the XXIIII aforesaid shall take vpon theym the office of marialte nor eny oþer office of the toun of Leycestre at the eleccion of the comminalte of the same, but oonly at the eleccion of the Mayr, his brethren and of the XLVIII of the comminalte of the said toun according with the commaundement of our seid soverain lord the King. And if eny of the same XXIIII after the date abovesaid take vpon them the office of marialtie or eny oþere office at þe eleccion of the cominaltie, they so taking vpon theim eny office to be excluded & put from þe Benche and for evyr to be discharged of the councell, nomber and felaship of the seid XXIIII^ti^, without a contrary commaundement had from the Kinges highnes. And over þat, we, the forsaid Mayr & brethren,

[1] By the Council of the Duchy aforesaid.

[2] A summary in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 382. Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 201.

named XXIIII^ti^, by reason & virtue of the forsaid othe, of [our] oon will & assent feithfully graunt & promise that [if] in eny wise hereafter it happen that William Burdet, late chambrelain of the forsaid toun of Leycestre, attempt eny lawe or make eny mater or trouble ayeinst the forsaid Mayr, named Thomas Davy, or eny of the XXIIII^ti^, or John Assheby, theyr commen seriaunt, for eny punyshement to the seid William done, cost or exspenses by him borne or made, for such offences & inconvenyentes as were doon by the seid William vnto the office of the Mayre in the time of the marialtie of the seid Thomas Davy to take hit as the cause & matter of all the XXIIII^ti^, and as all the townez matter. And whosoevyr be aftyr this tyme in office of þe mayr of the toun of Leycestre shall, be reason of the oth aforsaid, applie & endevour him to iustifie & correct the seid matter as effectuelly and duely as hit had be doon to his propre persone by thadvise of his brethren for the tyme being etc. At the which tyme & day aforsaid were present & toke othe of the forsaid XXIIII thiez persounez whos namez felowen :—Thomas Davy, Mayr, Roger Wygston, John Roberdes, Tho. Touthby, Rob. Croft, Tho. Swyke, Tho. Palet, Rob. Grene, Tho. Phelip, Roger Tryg, Will. Pekeshall, Will. Rowlat, Ric. Gyllot, Master Will. Gybson, Tho. Hurst, John Alboon & Ric. King.

CCXXXVI. *A disputed election.*

Hall Book, p. 33. [Sep. 21, 1489.][1] Eleccio Maioris, coronatorum et justiciariorum pacis ville predicte capta ibidem in festo S. Mathei apostoli a. r. r. Henrici septimi quinto, Thomas Davy amotus fuit ab officio suo et in loco eius electus fuit pro anno sequente Rogerus Tryng per prefatum Thomam Davy et confratres suos et per XLVIII nomine totalis communitatis secundum ordinacionem et preceptum domini nostri Regis et consilii sui ut patet in scripto sub magno

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Election of the Mayor, coroners and justices of the peace of the town aforesaid taken there on the feast of St Matthew the Apostle in the fifth year of the reign of King Henry VII., Tho. Davy was removed from his office and in his place was elected for the following year Roger Tryng, by the aforesaid Tho. Davy and his brethren and by the Forty-eight in the name of the whole community according to the ordinance and precept of our lord the King and his council as appears in the writing under his great seal of his duchy of

[1] Nichols IV. i. App. p. 382–3.

sigillo suo ducatus †sue† Lancastrie prefatis Maiori et confratribus suis directo. Et eodem die Thomas Toutheby electus fuit pro anno sequente per communitatem ville predicte contra ordinacionem et preceptum domini nostri Regis predicti. Et super controversiam et disconcordiam illam et ad †evidendum† maiorem inconvenienciam ad instanciam dicti domini nostri Regis per litteras suas sub privato sigillo suo prefato Thome Davy directo et ad instanciam parium suorum et XLVIII, dictus Thomas Davy occupavit officium maioratus ville predicte pro anno sequente.

Lancaster directed to the aforesaid Mayor and his brethren. And on the same day Tho. Toutheby was chosen for the following year by the community of the town aforesaid against the ordinance and precept of our lord the King aforesaid. And upon this controversy and discord, and to avoid greater inconvenience, at the instance of our said lord the King by his letters under his privy seal directed to the aforesaid Thomas Davy and at the instance of his (Davy's) peers and the Forty-eight, the said Tho. Davy occupied the office of the mayoralty of the town aforesaid for the following year.

CCXXXVII. *Order to refund the Mayor.*

Hall Book, p. 34[1]. [Nov. 6, 1489.] At a comen hall holden the VI^te^ day of Novembre the Vte yer of the reigne of our souerain lord King Henry the VII^te^, by the hole assent, consent & agrement of all the Mayres brethren & XLVIII for and in the name of the hole body of the toun than being present, and in especiall at the instaunce of the Kinges writing to the same Mayr directed, it was agreed & concluded that for & towards the charge of the forsaid Mayr had & susteyned and for to be had & susteyned for that yere present, he shall have & perceyve[2] over & above his fee accustumed the somme of vii*li.* sterling, so that this graunt hereafter be no presedent in eny wise; the said vii*li.* for to be payed vnto the forsaid Mayr at our Lady Day thannunciacion next comyng after the forsaid VI^te^ day of Novembre by the hands of the chambrelains of the first half yere payement of the annuite[3] of xx^ti^*li.*

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[1] Summary in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 383.

[2] receive.

[3] From the King, see above p. 315.

CCXXXVIII. *Penalties on refusing office and the expulsion of Touthby from the Four-and-Twenty.*

Hall Book[1], p. 47. [Sep. 21, 1490.] *Thact for refusing of thoffice of Marialtie.* At a comen hall holden at Leycestre vpon Saint Mathewe day the VI^te^ yere of the reigne of our souerain lord King Henry the VII^te^, it was agreed, enacted & stablished perpetuell to endure, by the hole assent, consent & agrement of Thomas Davy, than being Mayr of the said toun, and his brethren, comburgesses of the same toun, named the XXIIII, and by the XLVIII named for & in the name of the hole body of the said toun: That from hensforth, if the forsaid Mayr or eny of his brethren, named the XXIIII, that nowe bee or þat hereafter shalbe be named, elect & chosen to thoffice of marialtie by oon yere to endure, by the Mayr for the tyme being, his brethren, and by the XLVIII for the tyme being, or by the more part of theim, and will not take vpon him for to occupie the said office of marialtie for the yere next felowing, so þat they put him not to the same office ayein within vii yeres than next felowing:—That þan to procede to a newe eleccion of a Mayr furthwithall. And he or they þat so refusez to occupie the forsaid office of Mayr shall forfait & paye the somme of xx^ti^*li.* And þat it shalbe liefull to the Mayr for the tyme being, for lak of paiement of the forsaid xx^ti^*li.*, for to commyt euery such persone to his ward þat so refuses to occupie the forsaid office of Mayr, ther for to remayn without baill or maynprice vnto such tyme as he hath content and paied the forsaid somme of xx^ti^*li.* vnto him. That [somme] for to be employed vnder the condicion felowing:—That is for to sey x*li.* of the forsaid somme of xx*li.* to be paied vnto the Mayr for the tyme being towardes his charges to be susteyned for his yere, over & aboue his fee accustumed, and oþere x*li.* to be paied vnto the chambrelains for the tyme being, to the behofe of the cominaltie of þe said toun. And if the Mayr for the tyme being woll not endevour him for to punyshe him or theym so refuseng the forsaid office and to levey the summe aforsaid in maner and forme aforesaid, that than the same Mayre for to be deduct of his fee of x*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*, and no fee to haue as for þat yere, at the jopardy of the chambrelains for the tyme being if they to him eny pay etc.

Thact for refusing of thoffice of Chambrelainship. Item it is enacted & stablisshed the forsaid day and yere perpetuelly to endure, that if eny inhabitant or inhabitants of this said toun of Leycestre be

[1] A copy in the Book of Acts, p. 33, confirmed 29 June, 1 Mary. See Nichols IV. i. p. 383 for a summary.

named, elect or chosen by the Mayr, or by the Mayr his brethren, or by the XLVIII for the tyme being, or by the more part of theym to thoffice of chambrelayn or chambrelains by the Mayr, chosen for hym, or by the cominaltie, chosen for theim[1], and it refuses[2], and woll not occupie the said office, that þon forthwith for to procede to a newe eleccion of chambrelain or chambrelains. And he or they þat so refuses to occupie þe forsaid office shall content and pay vnto the chambrelains of the same toun for the tyme being the somme of v*li.* to þe behoufe of þe cominaltie of þe same toun, and for paiement of þat somme of v*li.* for to be discharged of the forsaid office. And to be taken & reputed as a chambrelain and if þe forsaid person or personnes þat so refuses to occupie the forsaid office will not content & pay the said somme of v*li.* to þe chambrelains, that þan it shalbe lieffull vnto þe Mayr for þe tyme being for to commyte and enprison in his ward the forsaid person or personnes, þere for to remayn vnto such tyme þat he haue paied the said v*li.* without baile or maynprise, and if the Mayre for the tyme being will not so doo that than he to be deduct of v*li.* of his fee at the jopardy of the chambrelains if they to him eny pay[3].

Hall Book, p. 48. *Heyr es to pot*[4] *brethern off of ye Benche or ye* XLVIII. Item it is enacted agreed and stablisshed the III^de^ day of Septembre the VI^te^ yer of ye reigne of King Herry the VII^te^ in the tyme of marialtie of Thomas Davy, by the advyse, assent, consent and agrement of ye same Mayr & his brethren, named the XXIIII, in obeyeng, obseruyng & keping of gode ruele, substancial! ordre & þe good ordinaunces afore tyme made amonges þaimself in the time of marialtie of John Reynolde, and oþere agrements according with þe custumez of þis toun amongst theim sithin[5] made were sworn vpon a boke, so God þaim help & all saints :—That for diuers grete & urgent causes & offences by Thomas Toutheby doon & said contrary to þair said ordenaunce & good ruele and afor the forsaid Mayr & his brethren, the same Thomas being present, so proved, from the forsaid III^de^ day afterward, neythre the forsaid Mayr, nor noon of his brethren, named & taken oon of þe XXIIII at þat tyme being, or þat aftyrward shalbe, shall take or repute or suffre him syt upon þe Bench, as oon of þaim þat is oon of þe nombre of þe XXIIII. But þat

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[1] One chamberlain acted for the Mayor, one for the commonalty, see below in the Table of officers.

[2] refuses it.

[3] The Book of Acts, p. 34, adds a note:—"The wordes of this acte to be voyde and taken awaye in September A.D. MVCLXXIII."

[4] Here is to put.

[5] since.

utterly he be excluded þerefrom for evyr more, and that this act, agrement and direccion and all þinges þerein comprised hereafter to be parcell of his or theyr othes þat hereafter shalbe set vpon the Bench and admytted as oon of þe XXIIII. And also it is agreed that whosoevyr of þe XXIIII hereafter be in office of Mayr of þis toun of Leycester shal, be reason of þe oth abouesaid, applie & endevour him in all thinges to iustifie all such matters, causes & punyshments as the Mayres afore him of ye same toun haue doon or entred ine for the wele, worship & honour of þe said toun or office, as effectuelly and duely as it were or had been doon or begon within his yere of occupieng the forsaid office of Mayr; and over this it was agreed þe forsaid III^de^ day:—That whan so evyr it happened eny of the XLVIII nowe being or þat hereafter shalbe to be called vnto þe Bench & taken as oon of þe XXIIII or happen to decesse or ellys for a cause resonable to be put out of the nombre of ye XLVIII by the Mayr for þe tyme being & his breþren or þe more part of þaim according to thact of parlement þereupon made[1], that þan the Mayr for þe tyme being hereaftyr shall not take nor admyt no person nor persons to be oon of þe XLVIII without assent, consent & agrement of þe same Mayr & his brethren or þe more part of theym in eny wise; at the which III^de^ day & yere aforesaid were present and toke othe to performe the articles aboue wreten thies persons whos names felowen:—Thomas Davy, Mayr, Rogier Wigston, John Roberdes, Peres Wynwod, John Penny, Robert Croft, Thomas Swyke, Thomas Palet, John Wyllymot, Robert Grene, John Alboon, Roger Tryg, Thomas Hurst, William Rowlat, Ric. Gillot & Master Will. Gybson & Will. Peksall &c.

CCXXXIX. *Election of Members of Parliament.*

Hall Book, p. 51[2]. [Aug. 23, 1491.] Ad communem aulam tentam ibidem xxiii die Augusti anno supradicto[3] per †breve domini Regis potestatem† electi fuerunt burgenses parliamenti incepturi xvii die Oct. anno supradicto apud Westmonasterium tenendi, pro †cominalt'† ville predicte, Pet. Curteys, & pro maiore et comburgensibus, Rob. Croft.

At a common hall held there on the 23rd day of August in the aforesaid year by power of a writ of the lord King there were elected burgesses of parliament, to begin on the 17th day of October in the aforesaid year to be held at Westminster, for the commonalty of the town aforesaid, Peter Curteys, and for the Mayor and comburgesses Rob. Croft.

[1] See above. [2] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 383. [3] 7 Hen. VII.

CCXL. *Subsidy Roll*[1].

Box 4, No. 106. 1) [May 2, 1492.] Hundred de Godloxton.
Villa Leycestrie.

The South quarter.

	s.	d.
De Joh. Swan pro terris et tenementis suis ibidem ...		8[2]
Rob. Aston pro consimili[3]	1	0
Tho. Cowper	1	4
Tho. Werkenaby	1	0
Joh. Andrewe	3	4
Tomisia Moton		8
Ric. Belgrave	1	1
Joh. Wynger	2	1½
Pet. Curteys	7	8
Joh. Danet	6	0
Will. Fresley	2	8
Rob. Danet	2	4
Rog. Wigston	2	8
Will. Dalton	2	0
Will. Hore	1	2
Carol. Hugh	1	5
Matilda Langworth ...		11
Walt. May	1	1
Euerardo Felding		6
Joh. Prowet		11
Ric. King		8
Tho. Preston		9¼
Hen. Rigeman		9½
Will. Rowlat	4	6
†De Johanne Grene[4]† ...		*nil*
Tho. Hall	1	0½
Davyd Milner		8
Joh. Wigston		8
Joh. Gybbes		3
Tho. Gardyner		3½
Tho. White	1	2
Hug. Bosse		4½
Walt. Dyatson	1	3½
Rob. Staunton		9½
Joh. Barton		8
De terra nuper domini Lovell[5]		4½
De Will. Gybson Notario	2	8
Joh. Wilson	1	6½
Joh. Large		10
Joh. Edling	1	4
Joh. Maunsfeld	1	4
Joh. Foster	1	7
Rog. Okeley	1	4
Ric. Glen	2	0
Rob. Joye	2	5
Hen. Richardson		10½
Will. Holbech	2	0
Rob. Bolton	1	5½
Domino Joh. Duk	1	0
Joh. Webster	1	0
Joh. Denton	1	2
Tho. Langham	1	4½
Joh. Neweton	1	6
Ric. Gillet	1	4
And. Langton	1	8½
Joh. Shrewesbury	1	0
Tho. Tyngill pro feodo suo	10	0
Tho. Ede pro feodo suo ...	10	0

The North quarter.

	s.	d.
De Rob. Capper pro terris et tenementis ibidem ...	1	8
Joh. Pekerell pro consimili	4	4
Tho. Coke		8
Joh. Gigges		4
Ric. Reynold	1	2
Joh. Pynder	4	0
Will. Hore	3	6

[1] A tenth for the war in France.
[2] Figures in roman numerals in MS.
[3] "For the like" added to each entry.
[4] In the margin is written "quia in decasu" = because it is in decay (i.e. not occupied).
[5] Francis, Viscount Lovell, attainted 1485.

	s.	d.
Walt. Dyatson clerico ...	1	2
Joh. Danet	6	8
[v°.] Ric. Lathbury ...	1	2½
Rad. Teb	2	0
Rob. Grene	8	0
Rob. Brystall	1	11
Tho. Villers	2	8
De villata Leycestrie ...	5	0
Eliz. Skyrmyth	1	2½
Rob. Joye		10
Will. Chaundeler	4	8
Will. Mole	2	4
Tho. Melbourne		10
Joh. Mores		7
Tho. Broughton	1	11
Pet. Curteys	3	2
Will. Ryngold	1	2
Joh. Selby		9
Hen. Dawson	2	4
Rob. Croft		4½
Tho. Hampton	2	8
Joh. Beket	3	0½
Joh. Barons	1	4

	s.	d.
Ric. Belgraue	1	0
Will. Chambre	1	4
Tho. Grysbe	1	0
Hug. Tomkynson	4	0
Will. Harryson	1	1
Rob. Swethell	1	1
Pet. at Legh	2	1
Joh. Marshe	1	1
Decano de Awkeland ...		9½
Grisogon[1] Spencer ...	1	4
Joh. Bellers	1	2½
Joh. Gaddesby	4	0
Tho. Burges		11
Joh. Beaupes	2	0
Rob. Knolles	1	0
Will. Gardener		9
Joh. Bradgate	1	0
Katerina Baron	1	0
Will. Bartylot		9½
Marg. Clyston vidua ...	1	0
Tho. Henstok		3½
Will. Clerk	1	6½
Joh. Nores	1	6

The Est quarter.

	s.	d.
Edmund Shemell	2	8
Rob. Joye	1	0
Will. Butteler		8½
Joh. Dawson		6
Joh. Reynold		8
Tho. Burn	3	6
Ric. Tilton		11½
Joh. Roberdes	6	8
Joh. Campe		8
Tho. Wynne		3½
Joh. Penny	2	8
Antonio Butteler		8
Alicia Dunnell	1	0
Rob. Staunton		8
Ric. Mapurley	2	4
Tho. Toutheby	4	8
Tho. Grosby	1	0
Tho. Bishop	2	4
Tho. Burges de Queniburg	5	5
Will. Hore		4½
Will. Harryson	2	9

	s.	d.
Ric. Ardington	1	8
Will. Pekeshale	1	5½
Rob. Broun		8½
Tho. Cutwesyll	2	5½
Joh. Kyrkeby	2	0
Walt. Dyatson clerico ...	3	9¼
Joh. Butteler		9¾
Ric. Lacy		8½
2) Will. Fresley		8
De villata Leycestrie ...	1	11
Tho. Leycester		4
Tho. Kyrkeby	2	0
Will. Michell	1	8
Joh. Peny cardemaker ...	2	0
Margeria Wethebroke ...	1	0
Joh. Wase	1	0
Bart. Lyon	1	7
Alicia Eden		9½
Georgio Holand	7	4
Edw. Goldesburgh ...	12	0
Joh. Danet	2	0

[1] Chrysogonus.

	s.	d.
Anna Palmer de Lond[on] (quia de feodo episcopi)		*nil.*
Rob. Croft	2	0
Tho. Davy	4	0
Ric. Johnson sherman ...	1	0½
Agn. et Marg. Colfox ...	1	0
Tho. Swyke	4	0
Nic. Danyell		8
Joh. Feny		9¾
Joh. Wigston	6	0
Will. Giles		9½
Johanna Eryk		8½
Pet. Wynwod	1	4
Alicia Ednam	1	6
Will. Burdet	1	7
Joh. Wynger	1	0
Will. Palmer		8½
Will. Waudeley canonico		8
Tho. Wigston	1	4
Ric. Gillot		5½

Le Swyne Market.

	s.	d.
Joh. Mannsfeld		10½
Will. Hore	3	9½
Domino Mounteioye ...	2	1
Tho. Kebeell		9
Will. Ryngold	1	0
Pet. Curteys	1	2½
Tho. Melbourne	2	10
Tho. Wigston	9	6
Joh. Wigston	6	2
Tho. Grene		8
Joh. Grene	1	4
Will. Butteler	1	2½
Edw. Felding	3	0
Tho. Wynne	1	3
Joh. Danet	4	8
Rob. Wall	2	0
Rob. Joye		8
Tho. Swyke	2	8
Rog. Wigston	22	11½
Will. Coke carpenter ...		8½
Will. Chaundeler	1	10½
Joh. Reynold	7	10½
Will. Hill	2	8
Joh. Groue	1	0½
Johanna Eyeryk	2	6½
Tho. Tyngill	4	0½
Hen. Kiston	2	2½
Tho. Palet	4	0
Rob. Staunton	1	4¼
And. Langton	2	8
Tho. Phelip	2	1
Rob. Waldegraue		10½
Joh. Roberdes	11	0
Joh. Alboon	4	8½
Will. Moderby		8
Joh. May mercer	2	8
Joh. Neweton	1	4½
Will. Pauley		11
Joh. Wales	6	5
Ric. Mapurley		8½
Will. Lambert		7½
Nic. Clerk	3	3½
Will. Sheringham	2	0½
Will. Giles	1	4
Eliz. Skyrmyth	3	8
Villata Leycestrie	5	0½
Ric. Belgraue	7	7½
Will. Moke	4	0
Tho. Burges de Qweneburgh	1	6
Joh. Man draper	2	0
Edw. Dygby	3	4
Will. Walding	2	0½
Will. Hegins	2	0
Joh. Crocok	1	0
Joh. Beket	3	8
Tho. Hurst	2	10
Joh. Kynsman	1	2
Joh. Wynger		8½
Rog. Tryg	5	0
Will. Pekeshale	2	7
Joh. Merdeley	3	4
Ric. Gillot	2	0
Rob. Croft	2	0
Tho. Villers	2	8
Nic. Temple	2	0
Will. Holbech	8	0
Rob. Moleux	2	0
Laur. Ledegate	2	0
Hen. Eynesworth	2	0
Will. Michell		6½

[v°.] *Adhuc Swyne Market.*

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Tomisia Fresley		8	Tho. Barbour		1½
Tho. Preston	6	8	Tho. Innocent		8
Rad. Sherman	2	0	Purfrey		8
Domino Hastinges ...	1	0	Tho. Brauncote		4
Pet. Wynwod		4½	Rob. Broun...		4
Will. Dalton		8	Joh. Gaddesby		1
Rob. Knolles		2	Tho. Sklatter		4
Hen. Goldesmyth		8	Will. Martyn		8
Joh. Suthwod		2	Ric. Suthell		8
Alex. Atkynson	1	0	Joh. Harpeley	2	0½
Will. Raudeby		1½	Katerina Stephens ...		8
Will. Bochier		8	Rob. Bagworth		6
Tho. Gresby		4	Walt. Dyatson	4	1½
Tho. Broughton	1	6½	Johanna Da[n]vers ...	2	0
Tho. Burges		1	Geo. Holand		6
Will. Mole		1½	Rob. Hardy	1	4
Margareta Bower		1½	Alicia Newark	2	8
Tho. Burn		1½	Christofero Blakesinden ...		8
Bart. Lyon		2	Hen. Wodehous capellano	1	1¾
Nic. Mason		1½		xxix*li.*	i*d.*

3) This indenture made the secunde day of Maij the fourth yere of the reigne of our soverain lord King Henry the VII^te^, betwixt Thomas Davy, John Wigston, John Roberdes, Robert Croft, Thomas Swyke & Thomas Palet, commissioners, with oþere, assigned by our said souerain lord within the shire of Leycester on þat oon partie, and Roger Tryg, Ric. Gillot, Tho. Burn, Will. Giles, Tho. Gillot & Bart. Lyon, collectours by the same commissioners made & assigned within the toun of Leycester in the forsaid shire of Leycester, on þat oþere partie, witnesseth that ye the said commissioners as well by auctorite of an act late made & ordeyned in þe parlement of our said souerain lord as by virtue of his commission & an instruccion þerupon to þe same commissioners direct made & delyuered, well, truely & diligently have serched, enquired & taken knowlage of & upon the verrey value of all thissuez & profitez of an hole yere, the same yere to commence at þe fest of circumcision of our lord last past of all maner lands, tenements, fees, annuites, corrodiez which any person of this realme not being a lord of the parlement had held or occupied the yere aforesaid within the said toun ioyntely or severally in fee symple eny maner fee taile, or in succession, or terme of lyf or lyfes, which landes & tenements be not amortized to eny chirch or othre place spirituell, and of all oþer thinges afore theym enquerable by reason of eny of the premissez in eny wise, and the X^te^ part of the verrey value of thissues & profites aforsaid truly haue lymytted & assessed, & the same X^te^ parte so assessed, with the names of theim of whom it shalbe receyved, have put & conteyned in writing as in divers scedulles to this indenture annexed plainly appereth. And ouer þat the said commissioners in the name of our said soverain lord have commaunded & straitly charged the seid collectours & every of theym vpon perill þat may ensue þerupon, and as they will entend to eschewe thindignacion of our seid soverain lord, that they, all the sommes and parcellys of money in the said scedulles & in euerich of theim

comprised & conteyned, in all hast possible levy, reecyve & gadre, according to the seid act, & the same sommes & parcellys, after the receipt of theym, bring unto thabbey of our blissed Lady of the Meduez of Leycestre, ther by theim to be delyvered vnto thabbot & covent of the forsaid abbey by indenture to be made betwixt the same abbot & covent & the said collectours testifieing the receipt therof. The same sommes there surely & savely to be kept, abyde & remayn according to the said act of parlement unto tyme þat oþere permission by auctorite of this parlement be provided, or ellys to be demeaned according to the same act. In witnesse of the which the said commissioners & collectours enterchaungeably have sett theyr seales. The day & yere abovesaid.

CCXLI. *List of the tenements abutting on the town-wall and dyke.*

Box H, No. 413[1]. [1492–3.] An enquirie mayde at Leycetter by Edwarde Hastyngs, knyght, lorde Hastyngs, John Dygby, knyght; by speciall comyssyon the VIII yere of the reigne of our soueraign lorde Kynge Henry the VIIth, for serten decais hade vpon the towne walle & dyke with other.

1. In primis John Roberts of Leycetter holdethe vpon the towne wall & dyke in lengthe xix^{xx}ix fotte & in bredeth xlv fotte, & buttith vpone the grounde of John Norrys.

2. Item John Norris holdyth of the towne dyke in lengith after the wall frome the grounde of the sayde John Roberts vnto the grounde of the Newarke, conteyninge in length v^{xx} & v fotte & fortye fotte in bredeth, & is agreed to geve yerely for the sayde fottezs (blank)

3. Allso the College of Newarke holdith of the towne dyke in lengith frome the sayde John Norrys grownde vnto the grownde of All Holowes churche conteynynge xxx fotte in length & xl fotte in bred.

4. Item the sayd churche of All Halowes holdith of the towne dyke, in lengith from the sayde Newarke grounde vnto the grounde of Wyll. Wygston the yonger, conteynynge x fotte, & in brede xl fotte.

5. Item the sayd Wyll. Wygstone howldyth of the towne dyke, frome the grownde of the sayd churche of All Holowes, vnto the grownde of Robert Stokes, in lengith xxiii fotte, & in breed xl fotte, & is agreed to paye yerly for this grownde & other growndes vnderwrityn to the Kynge 2*s*.

6. Item the same Rob. Stokes holdeth of the towne dyke from the grounde of the sayd Wyll. Wygston vnto the grounde of Swythell of Newtoun in lengith after the walle xx fotte, & in brayde xl fotte.

[1] On paper.

7. Item the saide Swythell hath bylded an house vpon the towne dyke, conteynynge in lengith lxiiii fotte & in breede....

8. Item Master Bottler clerke of the Newerke holdyth of the Kynges grounde frome the North Gate after the towne walle, vnto the grounde of John Harpeley, in lengith iiii^{xx} fotte & in brede xl fotte, & hath biged[1] vpone the sayd grounde.

9. Item the same John Harperley holdith of the Kynges grounde in lengith after the towne dyke wall, conteynynge iii^{xx} & xii fotte & in breede xl fotte, vnto the grounde of Mr Bottler.

10. Item the saide Mr Buttler holdyth of the Kynges grounde after the towne walle in lengith to the grounde of Wyll. Waldynge, in lengith iiii^{xx} fotte & in breede xl fotte.

11. Item Wyll. Waldynge holdith of the Kynges grounde after the walle in lengith xv fotte & in breed xl fotte.

12. Item Tho. Cator holdith of the towne dyke after the towne wall in lengith xl fotte vnto the grounde of the Abbote of Leycestre, & in breede xl fotte, & gyffyth the Kynge yerely 1*d.* ob.

13. Item the Abbote of Leycestre holdyth of the towne dyke in lengith after the towne walle buttynge of the grounde of the College of Newarke, in lengyth iii^{xx}viii fotte & in breede xl fotte, for the wyche he paith yerly to the Kynge by yere iiii*d.* and mayde fyne viii*d.* & hathe taken it for terme of xl yere by Sir Thomas Pyman, then selerar of the abbye.

14. Item Sir Walter Dietson, chanon of Newarke, holdith of the towne dyke in lengith after the towne walle vnto the grounde of Ric. Gyllot iii^{xx} fotte and in breede xl fotte.

15. Item Henry Gyllot holdith of the towne dyke in lengithe after the towne walle conteynynge xxxvii fotte and abbuttith vpone the ground of Asteley of London in breede xl fotte.

16. Item Wyll. Asteley holdith of the towne dyke in lengith after the towne walle v^{xx} & ix fotte, buttynge one the grounde of Robert Hardy, & in breede xl fotte.

17. Item Rob. Hardy holdith of the towne dyke in lengith after the walle xliii fotte, buttynge vpone the grounde of the Gylde of Sent Margarytt & in brethe xl fotte.

18. Item the sayd gylde holdythe of the towne dyke in lengithe after the wall xxiii fotte, buttynge vnto the grounde of Rob. Dauy, and in breede xl fotte.

19. Item the same Rob. holdith of towne dyke xxiii fotte.

20. Item Abbas Leycestrie tenet....

21. Item the same abbott for a gerden.

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[1] Built.

22. Item of the same Abbott for iii peces [of] grounde sumtyme the pariche churches of Saint Michell.

23. Item of the Master of Corpus Cristi[1].

24. Item the towne of Leycestre holdith of the towne dyke, in lengith after the walle and Seint Marye Closse, lii fotte, & in brede xl fotte.

25. Item Rob. Whaton Master of Vlurscrofte[2] holdyth of the towne dyke in lengith after the walle xlvi fotte, & buttithe on the grounde of Edmonde Shomell, & in breede xl fotte.

26. Item the same Edmonde holdith of the towne dyke in lengith after the towne walle, buttynge one the grounde of Sir Henry Woodhowse, iii^{xx}vi fotte, & in breede xl fotte.

27. Item the same Sir Henry holdyth of the towne dyke in lengithe after [the] walle iiii^{xx} fotte & buttith vpone the Kynges ground, wiche grounde is xii^{xx} fotte, buttyng vpon the grounde of Saint Margitts gylde in the holdynge of John Robertis & paith by the yere 2*s*.

28. Item the seyde Saint Margitts gylde holdythe vpone the towne dyke in lengith after the walle vii^{xx} & vi fotte, & abuttith vpone the buttes, & in breede xl fotte.

29. Item the comons of the towne of Leycestre holdith a pece of grounde vpone the wiche they have 2 pare of buttes in lengith after the walle called the towne walle & buttith vpon a garden of the Kynges in the holdyng of Will. Hore xxi^{xx} & x fotte, & in breede xl fotte.

30. Item the sayde Wyll. Hore holdyth a garden wiche conteynyth in lengith after the towne walle xl fotte and butts vpon John Onley grounde and in breede xl fotte.

31. Item John Onlye holdyth of the towne dyke in lengith after the townewalle viii^{xx} & xv fotte, & abbuttith vpon the grounde of Saint Johns, in the holdynge of Isabell Burne, & in breede xl fotte.

32. Item the howse of Saint Johns holdyth of the towne dyke in lengith after the towne walle viii^{xx} fotte, and in breede xl fotte, & buttith vpone the grounde of Corpus Christi gylde in the holdynge of the said Isabell Burne.

33. Item the same gylde holdyth of the towne dyke in length after the wall xi^{xx} & xi fotte, wherof vii^{xx} fotte is bylded and abbuttith vpone the grounde of Ric. Reynold & in breede xl fotte.

34. Item the sayde Ric. Reynolde holdeth the same mease, and

[1] Gild.

[2] Ulverscroft Priory.

is bylded in & vpone & on the towne dyke & walle, & abbuttyng vpon the Este yate, in lengithe & in breede xl fotte.

35. Item Belgraue gent holdith a mease within the Este yate vpone the towne walle in lengith iii^{xx} fotte & vii bylded.

36. Item Corpus Christi gylde holdith a house in lengith vpone the walle xiiii fotte.

37. Item Sir Walter Dyatson holdyth meases vpon the towne walle in lengith iiii^{xx} & iiii fotte.

38. Item †Masters† Swykes holdyth iiii cotages vpon the towne walle in lengith v^{xx} fotte & buttyng vpone Wyll. Monks grounde.

39. Item the same Wyll. holdyth the sayde grounde vpon the walle in lengith lvii fotte & buttith vpone Thomas Daues grounde.

40. Item the same Tho. Dauye holdith a grounde, whervpone is byldid a barne, vpon the towne walle, in lengith iiii^{xx} fotte, & buttith upon the grounde of the Abbott of Crolande.

41. Item the sayde Abbott holdith a grounde vpon the walle, vpon the whiche is parte of a barne byldid in lengith viii^{xx} & x fotte, & buttith vpone John Gaddysbyes grounde.

42. Item John Gaddysby holdyth vpon the towne walle in lengith ix^{xx} fotte, & butith vpone the grounde of Ric. Reynolde.

43. Item Ric. Reynolde holdith a grounde vpone the towne walle in lengith vi^{xx} & xvi fotte, and buttith vpone a comen pathe.

44. Item Masters Swyke holdith vpon the towne walle in lengith xxx^{xx} & viii fotte and abbuttith vpone a lane.

45. Item Rob. Knolles holdith vpone the towne walle in lengith x^{xx} fotte, & abbuttith vpone the ground of the Abbot of Leycestre.

46. Item the saide Abbott holdyth vpon the Thowne walle in lengith vii^{xx} & x fotte, & buttith vpon the grounde of Masters Swyke.

47. Item Masters Swyke holdyth a grounde vpon the towne walle in lengith xv^{xx} fotte, & buttith vpon the grounde of the Abbott of Leycestre.

Item the sayd abbott holdyth a grounde vpon the walle in lengith vi^{xx} & xviii fotte, & buttithe vpon the grounde of Wyll. Wigston the yonger.

Item the saide Will. Wigston holdythe a grounde one the towne walle in lengithe v^{xx} & x fotte and buttithe vpone the grounde of Tomson.

Item Tomson holdythe a grounde vpon the towne [wall] in lengith lv fotte, & buttyng one the ground of Corpus Christi gylde.

†Item the saide gylde holdythe a grounde in lengith vpone the walle xx fotte & buttith vpone the grounde of Rob. Whatton.

Item the sayd Rob. Whatton holdythe a grounde vpon the walle in lengithe xxxiii fotte.

Item Bekett holdythe a grounde vpone the walle in lengithe iii^{xx} fotte & buttythe vpon the Northe Gate.

Item Seint Margeritts gylde holdythe a grounde in howses vpon the towne walle & the dyke in lengithe x fotte & buttythe vpon Corpus Christi Gylde.

Item Corpus Christi Gylde hath a grounde vpone the towne walle & dyke in lengithe vi^{xx} & xii fotte, buttynge vpon the ground in the holdynge of Thomas Davy.

Item Tho. Davy holdyth a grounde vpon the Thowne walle and dyke in lengith vi^{xx} & xviii fotte, buttyng vpon the Newarke ground, pro termino lx annorum & payde xii*d.* by the yere and nowe payth by yere iii*s.* iiii*d.* Et dedyt de fine vi*s.* viii*d.*

†Item the colege of Newarke holdythe a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengith xl fotte & in breede xl fotte buttynge vpone the grounde of John Gaddysby.†

Item John Gaddysby holdyth a grownde vpon the towne dyke in lengithe xxx fotte & in breede xl fotte, & buttythe vpon John Wygstones grounde; the same Gaddysbyes house gyves for a yate vi*d.* & the saide xxx fote by the yere to the Kyng, & gevith for his some xii*d.*

Item John Wygston holdyth a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengithe xvi^{xx} fotte & in breede xl fote & buttith vpone the grounde of Newarke.

†Item the Deane of Newarke holdyth a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengith† xx fotte and †buttith vpone Darbyes grounde.†

Item Derby holdyth a grounde vpone the towne dyke in lengith xviii fotte & in breede xl fotte, & buttith vpon the Chantry grounde.

Item the chantry holdythe a ground vpon the towne dyke in lengyth xiiii fotte & in breede xl fotte, and buttith vpon the grounde [of] John Wigston.

Item John Wigston holdith a grounde vpon the toune dyke in lengith xl fotte & brede xl fotte, buttyng vpon Eryke grounde.

Item Erike holdyth a grounde vpon the towne walle, in lengith iiii^{xx} fotte & xii & breed xlvii fotte, buttyng vpon the grounde of Wyll. Gyles.

Item Wyll. Gyles holdyth a grounde vpon the towne walle in lengithe iiii^{xx} & vi fette, and in breth xlvii fotte, buttyng vpon the grounde of the Kynge & is agreed yerly to pay the Kynge 4*d.*

Item the Kynge holdyth a grounde vpon the town walle in lengith vii^{xx} fotte, in breed xl fotte, buttyng vpon the grounde of Chaunce.

Item Chaunce wyfe holdythe a grounde vpon the towne walle in lengith iii^{xx} & iii fotte, & in breede xlvii fotte, & buttynge vpon the grounde of the Chauntre.

Item the Chauntre holdyth a grounde vpon the towne walle & dyke in lengith iiii^{xx} fotte, & in breede xlvii fotte, & buttith [upon] Eryke grounde.

Item Erike holdyth a grounde vpon the town walle & dyke in lengith iiii^{xx} & vi fotte & in breed xlvii fotte, and buttith vpon the ground of Wales.

Item Waleys holdith a grounde vpon the towne walle & dyke, in lengith ix^{xx} fotte & in breede xlvii fotte, and buttyng upon the grounde of Tho. Wigston of Belgrave.

Item John Waleys holdyth a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengith vii^{xx} fotte & in breede xl fotte, buttynge vpon the grounde of Will. Wigston.

Item Tho. Wygston of Belgrave holdythe a grounde vpon the towne walle, in lengithe vii^{xx} fotte & in breede xlvii fotte, buttyng vpon the grounde of Wyll. Wygston.

†Item Wyll. Wygston holdyth a grounde vpon the town walle & dyke in lengith xxiiii^{xx} fotte & in breede xlvii fotte & buttythe vpone Blunts grounde.†

Item Andrewe Langhton hathe a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengithe xl fotte & in breede xl fotte, & buttith vpone the grounde of Master Rowlet.

†Item Master Rowlet holdythe a grounde vpon the towne dyke in lengithe l fotte and in breede xl fotte & buttith vpone the grounde of Shrewysbury.†

Item Shrewesbury holdyth a grounde vpon the towne walle & dyke, in lengith ix^{xx} fotte & in breede xlvii fotte, & buttith vpon the grounde of the towne Leycestre.

Item the thowne of Leycestre holdyth a house vpone the towne walle in lengith iiii^{xx} & vi fotte & in breede xlvii fotte & buttith upon the Kynges hyght waye.

Item the deane of Saint Mary Close holdyth a pesse of grounde besyde Sepulcres churche whiche paiede by yere iiii*d.* & nowe paithe vi*d.*

Item the sayde Deane holdith another grounde besyde our lady of the brigge[1] wiche paied by yeare iiii*d.* & nowe paith xii*d.*

[1] "Chapel on the West Bridge," W. Kelly's note in MS.

CCXLII. *List of Borough Muniments.*

Hall Book p. 248[1]. [May 22, 1492.] The vewe taken the xxii day of Maii the vii^te^ yere of the reigne of our souerain lord King Herry the vii^te^, in the tyme of marialtie of William Gybson, of the charters, dedes, indenturez and oþre munymentes etc. as here after feloweth within the tresorer hows þan being and remaynyng.

In primis of iii charters of Michaelmas Fayr[2], and oon of the newe fayr[3], knyt togadre in a box.

Item ii charters of the graunt of King John[4], oon of sellyng and bieng of lands and tenements within Portmote to be ferme and stable, and an oþre of graunte to passe free thorugh all England without paiemente of eny toll, passage-money &c., and an oþer charter of the same of King Herry[5].

Item the confirmacione of all the grauntes confermed at a parliament holden in þe iiii^te^ yere of King Herry the vi^te^. Item the graunte of the eleccion of the Mayr & of the assessing of imposicions by the Mayr, his brethren & the xlviii[6]. Item a ple of warantize.

Item a box of the charter of the Justicez of the peax and Coronours[7].

Item a rede purse with iii charters in it of diuers graunts.

[p. 249.] Item a box of the tenements in Dede Lane conteynyng the evidences of the same.

Item a box of the evidences of the landes & tenements in Wheston.

Item a box of evidence of the lands & tenements in Ratclyf, Thrussington & Cosington.

Item a box of evidence of a tenement in Belgraue gate þat Ric. Ilkesley chapelain gaf vnto the toun of Leycestre[8].

Item a box of evidences of the lyuelode at þe high crosse þat was John Fresley[9].

Item a box of evidences of a hows at the West bryg, an oþere at the North bryg, and of the rent of vi*d.* by yere in Mekyll Ashby[10].

Item a box of evidence of diuers tenements in the North gate.

[1] Cf. Nichols iv. i. App. p. 384. [2] Nos. LXXI., LXXII. above.
[3] No. CCVIII. above. [4] Vol. I. No. IX. X. [5] No. CLXV. above.
[6] No. CCXXXIV. above. [7] No. CC. above. [8] See No. CCXV.
[9] See No. CXC. [10] Ashby Magna.

CCXLIII. *Account of the Corpus Christi Gild.*

Box 7, No. 179[1]. [Sep. 30, 1493—4.] This ys the acompt of Sir Tho. Glen & Tho. Gillot, rent gederars of the gylde of Corporis Christi yn the paryshe of Seynt Martens of Leycestre from the feste of Seynt Jerome preste, the VIIIth yere of the reigne of Kyng [Henry[2]] the VIIth, vnto the same feste folowynge the IX yere of oure seid lorde Kyng, for a yere complete.

Charge. Item of rents of wylle & of asyse pertenynge to the same gylde as hit apereth pleynlyer be a rentall thereof made £33. 7*s.* 0¾*d.*[3]

Item for the waste of torches.

Item that Tho. Swyke & Rob. Croft, maisters of the seid gylde, lent vnto the seid Sir Tho. Glen & Tho. Gillot £9.

Sum £42. 7*s.* 0¾*d.*

Discharge. Payd to the kyng for a tenement late yn the holdyng of Robert Couper withoute the yest yate 4*s.* 4½*d.* Item to the kyng for diverse growndez withoute the same yate 1*s.* 7½*d.* Item to the kyng for the Talbot[4] 2*s.* Item to the kyng for a tenement at the high crosse yn the holdyng of Rauff Gyles 1*s.* Item to the kyng for 5 cotages yn the Dedelane 1*s.* 3*d.* Item to the kyng for a cotage at the North yate 1*d.* Item to the kyng for a croft late John Parsons 1*s.* 6*d.* Item to the newe colegge for a crofte late the seid John Parsons 1*s.* 10*d.* Item to the same for a tenement yn the holdyng of John Grene wyeff 1*s.* Item to the same for the owt shote[5] of the water of the tenement late yn the holdyng of Robert Couper goyng owte throwe the Anteloppe 3*d.* Item to Richard Belgraue of Belgraue for the same house 7½*d.* Item to the abbey for diuerse grownds yn Seynt Marten Chirche Lane 8*s.* Item to the same for the grownde late John Wigston yn Seynt Marten chirche yarde 1*s.* Item to Robert Molens for owte shote of the water of a tenement yn the holdyng of John Pyman throwe the grownde of the seid Robert 1*s.* Item to Seynt Marget gilde for the Roundell 3*d.* Item to the kyng for layng of swepynges at the Frere yate 2*d.* Item to the Frary clerke 4*d.*

Sum £1. 6*s.* 3½*d.*

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[1] Part printed in North's *Chronicle of St Martin's*, p. 207, and cf. Thompson's *Leicester*, p. 208. [2] Illegible. [3] Roman figures in the original.
[4] Talbot inn. [5] The outshoot, drainage.

Deykeyez[1]. A tenement next Peres Skynner that Will. Blakwen dwelleth yn 2*s.* 8*d.*, a barne yn the Dedelane late yn the holdyng of Will. Holbeche 3*s.*, a pese of grownde yn the Swynez market late Will. Blakwen 5*s.*, a grownde called the Pecokke at the Rede Crosse, because hit standyth in varians bytwyxt Peres Curtes and the gilde 1*s.* Item of 6*d.* goyng oute of the place that Will. Gyles dwellys yn, whiche is allowed vnto John Bate wright to[2] his yerez be expyryd of the house he dwellys yn. Item the Talbot a whole yere 24*s.* Item for a grownde yn the Chyrche yarde[3] yn the handes of Robert Walle 8*d.* Item for a tenement yn the holdyng of Will. Rawlot 19*s.* Item a tenement yn the Dedelane late maister Persons 3*s.* Item a tenement yn the Swynez market late yn the holdyng of John Pyman 16*s.* 8*d.* Item a tenement in Parchement Lane late yn the holdyng of John Burges 17*s.* 6*d.* Item a tenement at the Northe yate abated 8*d.* Item 1*s.* 8*d.* abated of a tenement that John Mey dwelles yn. Item 8*d.* abated of a close that John Blownt holds.

Sum £4. 16*s.*

Payments of Custom. Payd to the 4 Chauntre prestez £21. 6*s.* 8*d.* for talough candull for kepying of the morue mas[4] 2*s.* Item for kepyng of the auter[5] 3*s.* 4*d.* Item for beryng of the fertur[6] & for torchez on Corpus Christi day 2*s.* 6*d.* Item payd for John Parsons obet 15*s.* Item for ryngyng of the bellez at Dirige[7] & masse for the brethern & systers soles 11*d.* Item to the belman 2*d.* Item for washyng of auter clothez & awbys[8] 1*s.* 2*d.* Item for mendyng of awbez 5*d.* Item for 4 tukkyng stryngs[9] 4*d.* Item for makyng of the rentall 6*d.* Item for wax brynnyng[10] abowt the auter 13*li.* & half, 9*s.* Item the rentgeyderars fee £2. Item for parchement, pauper and ynke & for makyng of the cownt 2*s.* 6*d.* Item for writynge of ye broder & systers yn the tabull 2*d.* Item to Jone Da[n]vers 20*s.* the whiche is graunted hyr for terme of lyfe. Item for swepynge of the parlor & the halle 2*d.* Item to John Assheby for makynge of a dede 4*d.* Item for selyng wax ½*d.* Item spent yn ale of Maister Mayre & his compeny when he went to se the lyvelode

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[1] Decays = unoccupied property or property from which no revenue was received.

[2] Till. [3] Of St Martin's. [4] Morrow mass.

[5] Altar. [6] shrine, feretory.

[7] The first word of the antiphon at matins in the Office of the Dead, a name for that service, N. E. D. s.v. dirge.

[8] Albs.

[9] The cords girding the alb, usually white cotton, N. E. D. s.v. girdle; Palsgrave, tuckyng kyrdell, saincture decourser.

[10] Burning.

of Corpus Christi Gild 4½*d.* Item spent of the men that brought the gret tymbre 1*d.* Item for halowynge of 1 auter clothe & a corporas[1] 6*d.* Item for a citacion for John Goldson 6*d.* to the somner[2] 2*d.* Item for rebyn[3] for makyng of a corporas case 6*d.*

Sum £26. 7*s.* 4*d.*

Reparacions. Reparacions of the house that John Grene dwellez yn. Firste paid to a dawber[4] 1 day 4*d.* Item yn 1[c] stonelathe[5] 4*d.* Item for 2[c] broddes[6] 2*d.* Item paid to Ric. Bradfeld & his man for 2 dayez & a halfe 2*s.* 6*d.* Item to a seruer for 2 dayez & a halfe 10*d.* Item for boyrdes[7] for a chymney 1*s.* Item paid to John Bate for stuffe & warkmanship 5*s.* 6*d.* Reparacions of John May house; firste for berying oute of mukke 2*d.* Item to Ric. Bradfeld & his man for 5 dayez & a halfe 5*s.* 6*d.* Item to an other of his men for 5 dayez 2*s.* 6*d.* Item for a server vnto theym for 5 dayez & a halfe 1*s.* 10*d.* Item for makyng cleyn of Jone Taillours yard 1*d.* Item paid to Bradfeld & his 2 men for 2 dayez & a halfe 3*s.* 9*d.* Item paid to a seruer of theym 10*d.* Item paid for tymbre 1*s.* Item for carying of tymbre 2*d.* Item paid for ale 1*d.* Item paid to a laborer for 1 day & a halfe 6*d.* Item paid for 2 mil. sclate pynnez 6*d.* Item paid to 2 dawbers for 4 dayez & a halffe 3*s.* Item vnto Horne for a halfe day 3*d.* Item paid to his man for 3 dayez & a halfe 1*s.* 9*d.* Item for a server vnto hym...(& others). Item paid for berying yn of 1 lode sonde[8] ½*d.* Item paid for berying of water 1*d.* Item for berying of sclatez 1*d.* Item paid for 1 mil sclate pynnez 4*d.* Item paid for clensyng of 2 seges[9] 2*s.* 6*d.* Item paid vnto a mason 4*d.* Item paid vnto 2 laborers for 1 day 8*d.* Item paid for scowryng of the chymney 1*d.* Item paid for berying of lyme & sonde 3*d.* Item paid for borde & tymbre 3*s.* 6*d.* Item paid for borde & tymbre for the wedraught[10] 2*s.* 10½*d.* Item paid to John Bate & his man for 6 dayez 6*s.* Reparacions of Peres Skynner house; first paid to a warkeman for dyggyng of sege[9] 6*d.* Item paid to John Bate for stuffe & warkmanship 3*s.*... Item paid to waterman for water ½*d.* Reparacions of Will. Bailly house; firste paid to John Bate for borde and warkmanship of his halle wyndowe 2*s.* Item paid for 4 payre

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[1] A case for the corporal, the cloth which covers the consecrated elements.

[2] Summoner, officer of an ecclesiastical court. [3] Ribbon.

[4] One who fills in the space between the timbers in a half-timbered house with a plaster of clay, mud and straw.

[5] Probably the broad strips of wood upon which slates or tiles are nailed, known as rock-laths. *Nottingham Records*, III. 502.

[6] A kind of nail. [7] boards. [8] sand. [9] seats, privies?

[10] Closet, privy. See *Nottingham Records*, III. 505.

of jemowez[1] 9*d.* (wages). Reparacions of the chauntre; firste paid to Ric. Bradfeld (wages). Reparacions to Ric. Langtoft house paid for tymbre 5*d.* (wages). Reparacions of Thomas Brampton house (wages). Item paid for burdes, leyges & a threshold[2] 1*s.* 3*d.* (wages). Reparacions of Will. Patenmaker house & the hatmaker house (wages, & to daubers). Item paid for 6 ston leyde[3] & a halfe 4*s.* 10½*d.* Item paid to a plummer for sodder[4] & his labur 1*s.* (wages). Item paid for 2 lokkez 8*d.* Item paid for 1 lode cley 4*d.* Item paid for 1[c] stonlathe 4*d.* (wages). Reparacions of Robert Barbour house... Reparacions of Robert Walle house yn the chirche yarde, firste paid to 2 dawbers for 1 day 6*d.*... Item to Clement Smyth for a vartnale[5] and a hoke 2*d.* (Labourers.) A thakker for 3 dayez 1*s.* 3*d.*...Item paid for drawyng of 4 cartfull stoble 8*d.*...Item paid to 2 sawars for halfe a day 5*d.* Item paid to a wright for 2 dayez 10*d.*...Item paid for 2 lode cley 8*d.* Item paid for 2[c] streylathe[6] 8*d.* Item paid for lytter 2*d.* Item paid for 1 lode of cley 4*d.* Reparacions of Robert Couper house...Reparacions of John Pakyngton house...Reparacions of the house in Parchement Lane...Item for burde 2*s.* 3*d.* Item paid to 2 wrightez for 3 dayez 2*s.* 6*d.* Item paid for a hoke for a wyndowe 2*d.* Item for 4 cartfull lyme 13*s.* 1*d.* Item for berying yn of the same 4*d.* Item paid for carying of 1 lode lyme fro the house yn the kirke yarde to John Mey house 2*d.* Item paid for 2 lode sonde 9*d.* For berying yn of the same ½*d.* Item paid for 1 lode cley 4*d.* Item paid for a cowle[7] 5*d.* Item paid for 1 mil. sclates 2*s.* 4*d.* Item paid for [1[c]] stonlathe 4*d.* (and again.) Item paid for berying of 1 lode sond ½*d.* Item paid for 1 lode sparrez 2*s.* 2*d.* Item paid for 2 lode of ston 10*d.* Item paid for carying of 2 lode of sonde 1*d.* ob. Item paid for a hope[8] to a cowle 1*d.* Item paid for 2[c] streyhartlathe[9] 6*d.* Item paid for 3[c] strayhartlathe 9*d.* Item paid to the waterman 1*d.* Item paid for 1 lode of cley 6*d.* Item paid for tymbre 1*s.* 8*d.* (illegible) lode of stoble 2*s.* 2*d.* Item paid for 1 lode 6*d.* Item paid for a scotyll[10] 2*d.* Item paid for 1[c] stonlathe 4½*d.* Item paid for gret tymbre 10*s.* Item paid for 1[c] sclates 6*d.*...Item paid for ledyng

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[1] Hinges. See N.E.D. s.v. gemew etc.

[2] Boards, ledges and a piece of wood for the threshold. [3] lead. [4] solder.

[5] Here apparently the hinge into which the door-hooks fitted. See *Prompt. Parv.* p. 194, gymowe, *vertinella*. The vertinale is usually the hook on the door upon which it turned.

[6] Laths used to fasten the straw or reeds to the joists or beams. *Nottingham Records*, III. 502.

[7] A tub of water, carried on a cowl-staff, N.E.D. [8] Hoop.

[9] Straw-laths torn from the heart-timber. Heart laths and sap laths are contrasted, sap lath being the inferior sort.

[10] Scuttle, or basket. See *Finchale Accounts*, Glossary.

of 1 lode ramell[1] 4*d.* Item paid for 1 lode stobull 1*s.* 2*d.* Item paid for 6 crestez[2] 6*d.* Item paid for 3[c] streylathe 9*d.* Item paid for 2[c] sappelathe[3] 4*d.* Item paid for XII[c] sclates 5*s.* 6*d.* Item paid for 2[c] sclatez 1*s.* Paid for berying of sclatez 1*d.* Item paid for 1[m] sclate pynnez 6*d.* Item paid for 1[c] stonlathe 6*d.* Item paid for lytter to torche[4] with 5*d.* Item paid for 1[c] stonlathe 5*d.* Item paid for carying of 8 lode ramell 1*s.* 2*d.* Item paid for carying of 2 lode sclatez 4*d.*

Sum £8. 10*s.* 4½*d.*

[v°.] Sum of the whole charge £42. 7*s.* 0¾*d.*

Sum of the discharge £41. 3*s.* 6½*d.*

And remayneth clerely alle things rekened & allowed to the gilde £1. 3*s.* 6¼*d.*

CCXLIV. *Rental of Corpus Christi Gild.*

Box 7, No. 177. [1494—5.] Villa Leycestrie.

Rentale redditus Corporis Christi Gilde ibidem factum in festo S. Michaelis Archangeli a. r. r. Henrici septimi decimo.

Liberi tenentes.

De decano noui operis pro vno mesuagio in parochia S. Nicholai in quo modo manet . . . . . 1*s.*

De eodem decano pro 1 mesuagio super cornerium in Galtregate in quo modo manet Joh. Glocestre &c. . . . . 2*s.*

De eodem decano pro 1 mesuagio in alta strata super cornerium in quo modo manet Joh. Grene sherman . . . . . 2*s.*

De eodem decano pro vno gardino iuxta le Shirehalle nuper Sancti Johannis Baptiste Leycestrie . . . . . 9*d.*

De Joh. Blount pro 1 croft ex opposito fonti S. Sepulcri 1*s.* 4*d.*

De Hugone Bosse pro 1 mesuagio in Sorelane nuper Willelmi Palet . . . . . 6*d.*

De decano ecclesie beate Marie iuxta castrum Leycestrie pro 1 mesuagio ad rubiam crucem[5] in quo modo manet . . 1*s.*

De domino Lovell pro 1 pecia prati in Burges medowe modo in tenur' . . . . . 2*s.*

De Petro Curteys pro 1 mesuagio vocato le Pecoke nuper in tenura Ricardi Palmer . . . . . 1*s.*

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[1] Rubbish. [2] crest-tiles. [3] See above, note 9.
[4] See above p. 168, note 1. [5] Red Cross, see map vol. 1.

De Tho. Ynnocent pro vno mesuagio in Dedlane in quo modo manet . . . . . 1*s.*

De Will. Mole pro vno gardino iuxta le Shirehalle . . 6*d.*

De Ric. Preston vno mesuagio in quo modo manet Will. Beste 4*s.* 4½*d.*

De Ric. Reynold pro tribus mesuagiis in quo pauperes homines manent[1] . . . . . 1*s.*

De vicario S. Nicholai pro vno mesuagio in quo idem vicarius modo manet . . . . . 2*s.*

De Christoforo Parker pro vno mesuagio in quo ipse manet . 1*s.*

De Tho. Harvy pro vno mesuagio quondam Th. Melburn in quo idem Tho. Harvy modo manet . . . . . 4*s.* 6*d.*

De Tho. Wigston pro vno mesuagio in quo modo manet Joh. Coke sherman &c. . . . . 3*s.*

De Hen. Halle pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Will. Smyth 1*s.*

De Will. Rawlot pro vno mesuagio in quo modo manet Will. Ryton . . . . . 2*s.*

De Rog. Wygston pro 3 cotagiis in Hotegate in quo modo manent . . . . . 10*s.*

De Waltero Mey pro 1 shoppa . . . . . 2*s.*

De eodem Rogero pro 1 yatehouse in quo modo manet Rad. Dalton . . . . . 3*s.* 4*d.*

De Will. Dalton pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet . 5*s.*

De eodem Will. pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Will. Blakwen . . . . . 1*s.* 11½*d.*

De Will. Hoore pro 1 mesuagio ad finem le Hotegate in quo modo manet Agnes Hampson etc. . . . . 3*s.*

De Abbate Leycestrie pro 1 mesuagio vocato le Cornerhouse in le Kyrke Lane Ende in quo modo manet . . . . . 2*s.*

De Magareta Walgraue pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Th. Burges . . . . . 10*s.*

De Euerard Fyldyng pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Will. Waldyng etc. . . . . 6*s.*

De Gerard Danet pro 2 cotagiis nuper in tenura Willelmi Blande . . . . . 5*s.* 3*d.*

De Will. Moderby & Joh. Mey pro diversis terris et croftis in parochia beate Marie iuxta Castrum Leycestrie . . . 6*s.*

De Laur. Lydgate pro 1 mesuagio suo in quo modo manet . 5*s.*

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[1] "that almes men dwell in" Roll 7, No. 178 (20 Hen. VII.).

De Euerard Fyldyng pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Galf. Bate etc. . . . . 10*s.*

De Nic. Temple pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Carol. Blount &c. . . . . 10*s.*

De heredibus Joh. Merdeley pro vno mesuagio in quo modo manet Hugo Bosse . . . . . 5*s.*

De Will. Blakwen pro vna pecia terre iuxta le Belle etc. . 5*s.*

De Tho. Vyllers pro 1 mesuagio vocato le Belle . . 10*s.*

De Joh. Wynger pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet . 6*s.*

De heredibus de Kynnesman pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Clemens Phillip . . . . . 10½*d.*

De Will. Gyles pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Ric. Alsebroke 3*s.*

De heredibus Joh. Tomson pro 2 mesuagiis in quo modo manent Joh. Dore & Rob. Barford . . . . . 6*d.*

De Joh. Beket pro 4 cotagiis in tenura Joh. Whitwell . 8*s.*

De Joh. Crocoke pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet &c. . 9*s.* 6*d.*

De Will. Moke pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Joh. Sare . 3*d.*

De Ric. Belgraue pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Tho. Baswell . . . . . 1*s.*

De Joh. Roberdes pro 1 orio[1] in Parchement lane &c. . 6*d.*

De eodem Joh. pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Joh. Syleby 6*s.*

De eodem Joh. pro 1 mesuagio in Sorelane in quo modo manet 2*s.*

De Rog. Wigston pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet &c. 7½*d.*

De eodem Rog. pro 1 mesuagio vocato le George in quo modo manet Joh. Tromayll &c. . . . . 6*d.*

De Tho. Tyngull, Joh. Grene, & Tho. Davy pro diversis tenementis apud portam orientalem . . . . . 10*s.*

De heredibus Ric. Yatez pro 1 gardino in Soperlane modo in tenura . . . . . 6*d.*

De Will. Halle pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet &c. . 4*s.*

De Will. Chaundeler pro 1 mesuagio in quo modo manet Rob. Sapcote . . . . . 6*s.* 8*d.*

De Will. Coke wright pro 1 mes' in quo modo manet . 3*s.*

De Tho. Swyke " " " " " . 4*s.*

De Rob. Jee pro 1 mes' in quo manet Will. Coke sherman 5*s.*

De Alicia Ednam pro 1 mes' in quo manet Rad. Burton 2*s.* 1½*d.*

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[1] Barn.

De Will. Burdet pro 1 mes' in quo manet etc. . . 1*s.*
De Tho. Davy „ „ „ „ Th. Selle 2*s.* 1½*d.*
De eodem Tho. „ „ „ „ Joh. Rogers . 3*s.*
De Joh. Mey pro 1 noval'[1] ad finem de Belgrauegate etc. . 2*s.* 6*d.*
De Will. Gyles pro 1 camino[2] in Seturday market . . 6*d.*
De Will. Shillyngham pro 1 mes' in quo modo manet . 2*s.*
De Nic. Clerc „ „ „ „ „ . . 2*s.* 1*d.*
De Tho. Wigston pro 1 gardino iuxta[3] le Toune walle . 1*s.* 6*d.*
De Joh. Wales pro 1 mes' in quo modo manet Will. Rotte 4*s.*
De Tho. Palet pro 1 mes' in le Canke in quo modo manet Rob. Priour . . . . . 1*s.*
De Will. Hoore pro 1 mes' in quo modo manet . . 8¼*d.*
De Joh. Mey pro 1 mes' in Le Canke modo in tenura . 5*s.*
Summa xi*li.* x*s.* vi*d.* ob. q.

Tenentes ad voluntatem.

Pro uno cotagio in Dedlane per annum . . . . 3*s.*
De Joh. Pyman pro 1 mes' per annum etc. . . . 3*s.*
De Joh. Pyper pro 1 mes' per annum etc. . . . . 4*s.*
De Tho. Diotson „ „ ten' „ „ „ . . . . 1*s.* 6*d.*
De Will. Hayward „ „ „ „ „ „ . . . . 4*s.*
De Ric. Erdyngton pro vno clauso ad finem de Belgrauegate 6*s.* 8*d.*
De Will. Mighell pro 1 croft in Lachepole[4] per an. . . 5*s.*
De eodem Will. „ „ „ Normandy „ etc. . 3*s.* 4*d.*
De Joh. Stokez „ „ „ ibidem „ „ . . 4*s.*
De Joh. Leg pro 1 cotagio apud le Northeyate „ . . 4*s.*
De Joh. Brampton pro 1 mes' „ „ . . 8*s.*
De Will. Bailly „ „ „ „ . . 12*s.*
De Joh. Brymesley „ „ „ „ . . 6*s.*
De Pet. Skynner „ „ „ „ . . 9*s.*
De Will. Blakwen „ „ „ „ . . 8*s.*
De Ric. Langtoft „ „ „ „ . . 9*s.*
De Rad. Giles „ „ „ „ . . 26*s.*
De Joh. Roberdes cutteler pro 1 mes' . „ „ . 26*s.* 8*d.*
De Nic. Temple pro 1 bay vnius orii in Dedlane „ . . 3*s.*
De Tho. Diotson pro 1 mes' „ „ . . 12*s.*
De Joh. Grene sherman pro 1 mes' „ „ . . 30*s.*
De Hen. Reynolde „ „ „ „ . . 14*s.*

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[1] Newly tilled land.
[2] "A chymney" Roll 178.
[3] "on," Roll 178.
[4] See p. 284.

De Will. Patenmaker pro 1 mes'			per an. etc. .	13*s.* 4*d.*
De Joh. Pakyngton	„	„	„ „ . .	40*s.*
De Ric. Yorke	„	„	„ „ . .	20*s.*
De Tho. Davy	„	„	„ „ . .	21*s.*
De Ric. Peyte pro 1 mes' extra portam orientalem per annum				26*s.* 8*d.*
De Rob. Barbour pro 1 mes' ibidem			per an'. etc. .	18*s.*
De [blank]	„	„	vocato le Talbot „ .	24*s.*
De Joh. Bate wright	„	„	in Saturday market „ .	20*s.*
De Joh. Eyryke	„	„	„ „ .	13*s.* 4*d.*
De [blank][1]	„	„	in S. Marten chirche yarde .	10*s.*
De Rob. Walle	„	„	ibidem per an. etc. . . .	6*s.* 8*d.*
De Tho. Bolde	„	„	„ „ . . .	3*s.*

Summa xx*li.* xviii*s.*

CCXLV. *Goods in the Town Storehouse.*

Hall Book, p. 57. [Jan. 8, 1495.] In ye tyme of mayralte of Th. Hurst yan beyng Mayre at a comon hall halden in Leycestre at Corpus Christi Halle on Fryday nyxt after XII^te^ day the X yere of Kyng Henry the VII^te^ by the holl assent and agrement of the Mayre and his bredyrn and allso of all the XLVIII ther beyng present, in this maner & forme yt ys ordent, agreyt, stabelechyd & acte for the comon well of the town and of seche gudes as ys in a store hows in the Setterday marcat, yat ys to say wodde, tymber and vdyr playyng germands[2] yf ther be ony, here hiis chosyn to be ouer sears therof:—(6 names[3].)

CCXLVI. *The Chamberlainship Fine.*

Hall Book, p. 61. [1496—7.] Be it remembered that John Waysse hathe bowght hys chamberlenesshipe in ye tyme of marialte of Will. Rowlat, he to pay for the sayde chamberleneshipe to Miles Lambard & William Webbe then being chamberleins for yat ȝere ii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.* at IIII festes in ye ȝere yat is to say (etc.).

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[1] Roll 178. "In the holdyng of diverse persons 10*s.*" Followed by "Item a crofte in Kowelane in the holding of John Barton 8*s.* Item of Sir Will. Dymmow for certen lands in Barkeby by yere 6*s.* 8*d.*"

[2] Garments.

[3] See Kelly's *Notices*, p. 188.

CCXLVII. *Subsidy Roll.*

Box L, 250. [Undated, ? 1497][1].

LEICESTRIA.

Sowthe quarter and West quarter.

LANDYS.

Will. Bolte for John Pynder hous xx*s.* xvi*d.*[2]
Ame Hore for land þer l*s.*
Will. Reynold of Braunston xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
The Deane of Seint Maries for þer lands vii*li.* viii*s.* viii*d.*
Rob. Knolles xx*s.*
Tho. Langham xx*s.*
Euerard Dygby v*li.* xv*s.*
Christoforus Parker xx*s.*
Joh. Dalton xx*s.*
Joh. Andrew of Braunston xli*s.* iiii*d.*
Tho. Villers wiff xl*s.*
Gerard Denet[3] lvi*s.*
Raff Giles viii*s.*
Tho. Browghton xx*s.*
Purferey in landes þer x*s.*
Rob. Crofte for a close þer vi*s.*
Ric. Eyre for a garden þer vi*s.*
the same Ric. for the hous that William Genyson holdeth xx*s.*
Will. Dalton xx*s.*
Andrew Langton xx*s.*
John Whatton xl*s.*
John Benchekyn xx*s.*
Hen. Gillot xviii*s.*
John Turveill for the lambe xx*s.*
Will. Brownes wif xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
Will. Rowlot for his land þer xxx*s.*
Miles Lamberte xx*s.*
Walt. May xx*s.* [xx*s.*
Purferey for Edward Chamberleyn hous
Katerine Bailly xx*s.*
Peres Curtes for John Reeds hous x*s.*
Corpus Christi gild xx*s.*
Ric. Lowthe xx*s.*
Annes Grene wedue xx*s.*
Will. Wigston yonger xx*s.*
Will. Belgraue of Belgraue x*s.*
John Edling for his hous xx*s.*
The town of Leicestre x*s.*
The lord Mungey[4] for the Talbot and other ii houses there iiii*li.*
John Geffrey xx*s.*
Will. Gibson xx*s.*
Tho. Keble xxx*s.*
Rob. Crofte ix*s.*
Tho. Harvy xx*s.*
John Barton xx*s.*
Will. Frisley for his landes þer and in the Sowthe Gate xlvi*s.*
Maistres Staunton viii*s.*
Andrew Langton for his hous in South Gate xx*s.*
John Brown coke xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
Ric. Gillot xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Syr John Made xx*s.*
John Wynger xxx*s.*
Purferey lands in Sowthe Gate xxx*s.*
Laurens Lenals xl*s.*
Rob. Bolton xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
Tho. Diatson x*s.*
The heires of Thomas Gees xxx*s.*
Maister Derby of the Newark xx*s.*
Tho. Foster xx*s.*
John Hawes x*s.*
Rob. White x*s.*
Corpus Christi gild xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Rog. Wigston in closing xx*s.*
John Belgraue in closing viii*s.* iiii*d.*
Syr John Savage[5] for burges medue xx*s.*
Richard Milner for the winde milne xx*s.*
The abbot of Leycester for Parpoynt land xxx*s.*

Summa of the landes v*li.* xiiii*s.* vi*d.*

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[1] Perhaps the fifteenth and aid referred to below. The tax on lands is taken at the rate of one fifteenth, on goods at the rate of 1*s.* 4*d.* on the mark, a tenth. Except in the first case, the total value, not the King's fraction, is alone printed.

[2] The proportion taken, throughout one-fifteenth on the lands.

[3] See Nichols II. ii. App. 316. [4] Mountjoy.

[5] The better known Sir John Savage died 1492 and was succeeded by a son of the same name. D.N.B.

GOODYS.

In primis John Pynder x mark xvi*d.*[1]
Tho. Langham x mark
Christofer Parker x*li.*
Raff Tebbe x*li.*
Rob. Colyns xx marks
Tho. Browghton x marks
Will. Browns wiff xl*mk.*
Joh. Grens wedue x*li.*
Will. Rawlot x*li.*
Miles Lambarte xl*mk.*
Walt. May xx*mk.*
Edw. Chamberleyn x*li.*
Will. Genyson x*li.*
John Reed x*li.*
Ric. Lowthe x*mk.*
Will. Haukyns x*mk.*
Joh. Whatton xl*mk.*
Joh. Edling xxx*mk.*
Will. Fewke xxx*mk.*
Ric. Morgan x*li.*
Joh. Bowlle x*mk.*
Will. Gibson iiii^{xx}*mk.*
Joh. Barton xx*li.*
Will. Frysley xx*li.*
Tho. Harvy xx*li.*
Ric. Gillam x*mk.*
George Lambarte x*mk.*

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John Wigston ii^{c}*mk.*
And. Langton x*li.*
Joh. Brown x*mk.*
Tho. Taillour x*mk.*
Laur. Hedley x*mk.*
Rob. Bolton xl*mk.*
Tho. Diatson x*mk.*
Joh. White x*li.*
Ric. Pare x*mk.*
Tho. Rawbone x*li.*
Nic. Bailly x*li.*
Tho. Grene x*li.*
Will. Prowet xx*mk.*
Rob. Wayne x*mk.*
Tho. Ippon' x*mk.*

Sum of the goodes vi*li.* xii*s.* viii*d.*
Sum of the landes and goods xii*li.* vi*s.* ii*d.*

LEYCESTRIA.

The Northe quarter.

LANDYS.

In primis Gerard Danet iiii*li.* vi*s.*
Tho. Villers wiff iii*li.*
Joh. Adderston xxx*s.*
The heires of Gees x*s.*
John Flete x*s.*
Ezabell Chaundler xl*s.*
Will. Molle wif xx*s.*
Tho. Preston xxx*s.*
Will. Rowlot xx*s.*
Joh. Hawes xx*s.*
Joh. Barton baker x*s.*
Purferey x*s.*
Joh. Belgraue for a close x*s.*
Joh. Wayse for a close x*s.*
The lord Hastinges[2] ix*s.*
Rog. Wygston xx*s.*
Edw. Alsope x*s.*
Corpus Christi gild xii*s.*
Geoff. Dey v*s.*
Purferey xx*s.*
Chaundler wif x*s.*
The town of Leicestre vi*s.*
Will. Best xx*s.*
Tho. Harvy gentilman xx*s.*
Ame Hore xl*s.*
Will. Brokysby xx*s.*
Euerard Dygby xx*s.*
Will. Mellers xx*s.*
Will. Burges xx*s.*
Ric. Belgraue xx*s.*
Rob. Whatton viii*s.*
Will. Chaumbre xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Will. Wigston yonger x*s.*
The town of Leicestre x*s.*
Hewe Tomson xx*s.*
Will. Haryson of Odeby xii*s.*

[1] xvi*d.* is the proportion taken i.e. one tenth.
[2] Probably Edward, died 1506.

Northegate & Senvy Gate.

LANDYS.

Seint Margaretts gild iii*li.*
Seint Mary close v*s.*
Corpus Christi gild viii*s.*
Rog. Heynsworthe xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
Will. Bulterer of Ailleston xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
Rob. Whatton xiii*s.* iiii*d.*
Will. Bartlot xvii*s.*
Will. Asteley of London vi*s.*
Hen. Gillot iiii*s.*
John Harperley wif xx*s.*
Tho. Smythe xx*s.*
Will. Wigston elder x*s.*
John Gaddesby xl*s.*
Rob. Gaddesby xx*s.*
John Sylver xx*s.*
John Beket xvi*s.* viii*d.*
Grizagon Spenser xxvi*s.* viii*d.*
John Bellers xx*s.*
John Bewpas xx*s.*
Hugh Tomson xx*s.*
John Nores xl*s.*
Rob. Crofte iii*s.* iiii*d.*
The town of Leicestre xlv*s.*

Sum of the lands iiii*li.* iii*d.* ob.

GOODYS.

Rob. Gabatus x*li.*
Tho. Hyggyns x*mk.*
Will. Harvy x*li.*
Joh. Hawes xx*li.*
Will. Bolte xx*mk.*
†Rob. Colyns† †xx*mk.*†
†Tho. Browghton† †x*mk.*†
John May capper x*mk.*
Will. Best x*li.*
John Barbor draper x*mk.*
John Gilberte x*mk.*
Will. Mellers xx*mk.*
Will. Burges xx*mk.*
Will. Brown x*li.*
Tho. Key x*mk.*

Northegate.

GOODYS.

John Barwell x*mk.*
John Sylver xx*mk.*
John Nores xl*li.*
Hewe Tomson xx*mk.*
Will. Clerk xx*mk.*
Ric. Curson x*li.*
Grizagon Spenser x*li.*
John Bewpas xx*mk.*
Tho. Baker x*li.* ii*s.*
John Bellers x*li.* ii*s.*
Ric. Byrde x*mk.* xvi*d.*

Sum of the goodes lvi*s.*
Sum of the landes and goodes vi*li.* xvi*s.* iii*d.* ob.

CCXLVIII. *Dispute between R. Croft and R. Tryg.*

Hall Book p. 220. [1498—9.] It is to be remembred that in the tyme of maraltie of William Wygston thelder that for certen wordes that Mr Robert Croft had ayenst Mr Roger Tryg in the courte of Portmote afore the forsaid Maire & his brethren as concernyng hys leigeaunce with oꝑ[1] ayenst hys soueraigne lorde

[1] With other matters, see below, p. 356.

the King, was had afore the foresaid Maire & his brethern in Corpus Christi hall and yere afore theim according to the ordenaunce made in the tyme of John Reynold...[1]

CCXLIX. *Letter of Henry VII.*

Box J, No. 434. [Mar. 20, 1498[2].] Henry by the grace of God king of England and of Fraunce and lord of Irland to oure trusty and welbeloued the Mair and his brethern of our town of Leicestre, parcell of our duchie of Lancastre, and the Recorder of the same, and to euery of them gretyng. Whereas by takyng of livereys and cognisaunce, grete inconvenyencez, contrauersies and debates haue often tymes hapned within this our royaume in diuers places of the same, to the grete disturbaunce of our commons in the same, for the reformacion wherof and for the tranquillite and peax to be had thurgh this oure said royaume, it is ordeyned and ennacted by auctorite of our parliament that no manner of personne shall reteygn ne be reteigned, nor geve ne take lyvereys ne cognisaunce vppon grete paynes as in the act[3] therof made it apperith at large: we therfore woll and straitly charge you that according to the same from hensforth ye suffre noon inhabitant within our said town, of what degre or condicion soeuer he be, to be reteigned by cloth, cognisaunce, othe or otherwise, contrarie to our said lawes & statutz made & ordeyned in that behalf, except oonly with vs to do vs service whan they therunto shalbe required, in the retynue of our stuards there for the tyme being, and that hereupon ye do make proclamacion in our name at tyme or tymes convenyent within our said town for the due performaunce & executyng of the premysses: and if any personne or personnes attempt the breche of our said lawes and statutz within our said town and woll not folowe the same vppon our proclamacions by you there to be made in this behalf, we woll & charge you that ye, the said Mair & Recorder, from tyme to tyme, do certifie oure Chaunceller and Counsell of our said duchie of the name & names of all personnes so offendyng, to thentent we may provide for the streight & sharp punycion therof according to oure lawes in that behalf, not fayling hereof as ye wol avoide our high displeasir. Yeven at oure paloys of Westminster the XX^ti^ day of Marche the XIIIth yere of oure reign. Per consilium ducatus predictum. W. HEYDON.

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[1] Ends abruptly. For the ordinance see pp. 297—8 above.
[2] Endorsed in a late hand as belonging to the reign of Henry VIII.
[3] Probably 8 Ed. IV. c. 2.

CCL. *Demise in perpetuity from the Borough.*

Box H, No. 419. [Ap. 9, 1498.] Counterpart demise from Ric. Gillot, Mayor, and all the community, to Ralph Giles, haberdasher, his heirs and assigns, of 4 cottages lying together in the lane of the Friars Preachers, between the land late Will. Hore's on the East and the said lane on the West, and stretching from the tenement of Rob. Metcalf, butcher, on the South, to the lane which leads to the house of the Friars on the North; for ever[1]; for 6*s.* a year. (Distraining and warranty clauses.)

[Seal: R. G.]

CCLI. *Borough Ordinances.*

Hall Book, p. 65[2]. [Sep. 29, 1499.] Be it remembred yat it was condecended, agreed & stablyshed at a comen hall holden XXI day of Septembre a. r. r. H. septimi quartodecimo that euery of XLVIII yat hathe ben chamberleyns shall pay to the up holdyng of Saynt Georgys gild by yere vi*d.* & the[3] yat hathe not bene chamberleyns shall pay at the leyst iiii*d.* or more if the[3] pleasse.

Item it is condecended & agreed at the same comen hall yat euery of the sayd XLVIII shall pay to the waytes ii*d.* a quarter.

Also be it remembred at the sayd comen hall that Walter Mey graunted afore my master the Mayre for the tyme being & his brethern & afore the XLVIII, to abyde the award of the auditors as touching the led yat ley of the Northe Gayte, the whiche he had in hys handes duryng hys chamberleynshipe.

For the brethern to be at the Cort. [4]Also it is ordened & condecendyd at the same comen hall that yff eny off the Maires breduren[5] being within ye shire from hensforthe be absent from the Courte of Portmote iii Courte Days togedur contrary to hys othe, and iff he be not seke or without the shire in far countre wherby that hys excuse may be resonable[6], [he] shall forfet at euery tyme so being absent iii days togedur xii*d.*, that to be leveyd by the Chamberleyns to the use of the towne.

[The Book of Acts adds:—] And he that absents hymself from the seid Court havynge no reasonable excuse to be knowne, beyng other within the towne or the shyre, shall forfet for euery Court Day so wylfully absentyng themself iiii*d.* that to be gatherd by the chamberlyns to the vse & profet of the Chamber of the seid towne.

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[1] A very unusual form of grant from the Mayor and community.

[2] Cf. Kelly's *Notices*, p. 189, and Nichols IV. i. App. p. 384.

[3] They. [4] Also in the Book of Acts, a copy temp. Mary, p. 24.

[5] "The XXIIII" in the Book of Acts. [6] "reasonably knowene," *ib.*

CCLII. *Letter from the Lady Margaret.*

Hall Book, p. 221. [Jan. 17, 1499.] A lettre missiue yat cam from my lady the Kinges moder for lacke of punissheon according to the statutes & ordenaunces of the toun of Leycestre.

To oure trusty & welbeloved the Maire of the toun of Leycestre. By the Kyngis moder.

Trusty & welbeloved we grette yow well. And it is shewed vnto vs by oon Roger Tryg of yowr town their, that Roberte Crofte of the same, of olde conspired malice, rancour & euill wyll, sclaundered & deffamed the said Roger as well in matiers concernyng hys alligeaunce as other, to his greate daunger, trouble and infayme as it is said. Wheruppon the said Roger with certeyn of your brethern before yow mayde hys purgacion, and in as muche as the same Roger hath done vs to vnderstand yat certeyn statutes & ordenaunces, according to the laudable custumes of the said toun by olde tyme stablisshed[1] & made for the due punisshement & execucion of people there in lyke case or other offending, whiche as ȝet haue not be by yow put in execucion ayenst the said Roberte as in this case to yow appurtenethe, we therefore counsaill yow in avoyding further inconveniences, all favour & parcialite without any further delay sette aparte, to execute the said statutes and ordenaunces, so as the said Roger haue no cause reasonable to make further compleynt for his remedy herein. Yeuen vnder oure Sugnet at oure maynor of Colyweston the XVIIth day of Januarii.

Tempore Willelmi Wygston senioris.

CCLIII. *Borough Ordinances.*

Hall Book, p. 68. [Nov. 22, 1499.] *Heyr they mad Aldarmen in euery ward.* At a comyn hall holden at Leycestre the XXII^ti^ day of November, the yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIth the XVth, in the tyme of William Wygston the yonger, then being Mayre of the same town, for as muche as[2] yere hath renne grett rumouur, oblyque & sklandre of suche as hathe ben evyll dyssposed peaple, as vacabundes, pety brybours, riatours, bauds, ill disposed women, comyn frayars & brekyng of paymentes, with vndue &

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[1] See pp. 353—4 and pp. 297—8.

[2] MS. "os much os."

inordinall layng of muk & tymber in the Kynges hyghe ways, to the grett anoyaunce of the Kynges peaple, and for þat that yere hathe not beyn due examynacion & correccion yeroff in tymys paste, whereby ye grett oblyque & sklaunder hathe sourded[1] & sprong:—Therefore for a reformacion yeroff it is ordened, enactyd and stablysshed fermely hereaftur to be obserued & kept, that from hensforthe this town shalbe always devyded in XII wardys, and in euery ward one of the Mayres bredren for the tyme beyng dwellyng within the same ward or next yereunto chosen to be alderman, and he to haue full power & †actorite† of the Mayre to inquere of all suche personys afore rehersed within the presinxtes of hys ward and theym to examyne, correcte and punysshe, euery persone afture the quantite of hys trespas; and what persone so euer he be, yat will not obey the correction of hys alderman and the ward of hym abyde, as far as right & resoun therunto requirethe, that then the alderman shall shew the dealyng and demeanor of the same persone to ye Maire for the tyme being, and he yat so is founden defectyff the Maire to commyte hym to ward & sufficiently to correcte hym, vnto suche tyme as he shall submyte hym selfe vnto hys alderman & hym selfe to knowlege[2] of hys trespas and mysbehavour. Moreouer iff it so fortune yat eny of the sayd aldermen appen to decesse, as †good† forbed, that than an otheyr of the Mayres bredren to be chosen an alderman & to haue full power and correccion as is afore specified.

(The wards described as above pp. 306—7.) In the 8th ward for Tho. Philipps read Tho. Cator, and in the 9th for Tho. Philipps read Tho. Cator corner.

[p. 70.] *For ta[s]tyng of allee.* [3]It is ordined, enactyd & stablysshed at the said comyn hall, that no brewer that brewes to sell within this town presume not to tonne forth non of their ale vnto non of their customers vnto suche tyme yat the ale tasters haue been yere and abled[4] it vppon payne of iii*s.* iiii*d.* as ofte as eny of them be founden defectyff.

For setlyng of alle. And also it is enactyd, ordined & stablysshed at ye same comyn hall that non of the foresayd brewers tonne non of theyr ale forthe of theyr housses after it be clensed vnto non of theyr customers, vnto suche tyme yat it haue stond an howre at leyst and sattyll[5], vpon ye payn aforesayd. And yat they sell non ale with mesure vnlawfull nor vnseled, of the said payn.

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[1] arisen. [2] acknowledge.
[3] A summary of this article in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 384. [4] vouched for. [5] settled.

Moreover it is ordined, enactyd & stablysshed at the same comyn hall fermely hereafter to be obserued & kept, that ye chamberleyns yat nowe is shall do reparacions of ye town rent yere, as it shal be thought moste nedfull by ii of mayster Mayres bretren & ii of the comyners yerefor chosen in ye said comyn hall vnto the some of iiii*li.* and so forthe euery chamberleyns yat shall be aftur theym shall do lyke reparacions to the value of the said iiii*li.*

For reydemeng of ye shamber[lain]ship. [1] Also it is ordined, enacted & stablysshed at the said comyn hall, that who soeuer by[2] hys chamberleynshipe from day & date of the said comyn hall euermore after shall pay for the said chamberleynshipe v*li.*

For sellyng with pottes. It is also ordined, enactyd & stablysshed at the foresaid comyn hall that yff eny typpler[3] presume to sell ale with eny vnlawfull mesurs as gooderds[4] or other pottes excepte they sell with mesurs of wood sealed with the Kynges seale accustomed within thys town, & as ofte as they are founden defectyff or eny of them they shall forfet ii*d.*, þat to be levyed by William Coke & he to haue it to his owne propre vse.

[p. 71.] [Sep. 21, 1500.] *For brekyng of the paiement*[5]. Att a comyn hall holden the XXI[ti] day of Septembre the yere of the reigne of King Harry the VIIth, the XVIth, by the hole assent, consent and agrement of the Mayre, hys brethern and the XLVIII, it was enacted and stablysshed yat from the day of this present acte making forward, there shall no man, odre[6] dwellyng within the toun or without, breyke eny payment within the presinxtes of the market place for the pycheyng[7] of yere bothys, odre at Mighelmes fayre[8] or at eny odre tyme, vppon [pain] of the forfettyng of xx*d.* a peisse[9] as often as the[10] founden be with the faute, and yat to be taken & resevyd by the chamberleyns for the tyme being, to the vsse & profyt of the town, and if the chamberleyns be shewthfull[11] & necligent in executyng of the same to the said trespassours, then the same panaltie & payne to be layde to the chamberleyns charge, and it to be deducted of there fee at yere accompte. And in case be, that the Maire for the tyme being will not execute the same uppon the chamberleyns uppon due informacion had, then it shal be lefull to the next Maire that shall

[1] A short summary of the next 6 articles in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 384. [2] buy.
[3] Seller of small beer. [4] See note 8, p. 288.
[5] A copy in the Book of Acts, p. 25. [6] either. [7] pitching.
[8] The Book of Acts adds "or any other fayre or markyt day other vppon the Corne wall or any other place."
[9] Apiece. [10] they. [11] Corr. slothful.

succede hym to lay the charge vnto hym of the same, and it to be deducted of hys fee of the towne without favoure or pardoon.

For makyng cleyne of the markyt place[1]. Also it was enactyd and stablysshed & ordened at the same comyn hall, that euery chamberleyns for the tyme being from the day of the foresaid comyn hall shall make payment of xiii*s*. iiii*d*. yerely to a person yat shalbe deputed & ordined by the Mayre & hys breder for the kepyng clene of the market playsse, and the same personne soo deputyd by the Maire and his brethern shall wekely make clene and clens all the market plasse and the fylthe yeroff shall conuey to suche a playsse as vnnto hym shalbe assigned yerefore, and he shall not lett but that he shall doo this at the vutter moste by Tewysday at nyght next folowyng aftur the market day, as fareforthe as he may conveniently haue faire weddure[2] yereunto: and iff case be yat he be founden slothfull and necligent yerein, he shall at euery tyme yat he hys founden in suche defaucte lesse[3] iiii*d*. and that to be abaytted of hys waygys by the chamberleyns for the tyme beyng withoute fauoure or pardoune.

For Weston Cort[4]. Moreouer it is ordened, enacted and stablysshed at the same comyn hall fermely hereaftur to be obserued and kepte, that mayster M[a]yre for the tyme being and hys successours yat shalbe Mayres aftur hym shall at the ferreste[5] kepe the courte at Wheston euery yere by martelmas[6] next aftur hys eleccion[7] uppon the payne of vi*s*. viii*d*.

[p. 74.] *For lyeng muck in the markyttes.* It was agred & stablisshed at the comen hall holden as is aforesaid yat no man ne woman presume to lye eny muke or eny oyer fylthe within the Setterday market & presinxtis of the same vppon payne of forfaytour at euery tyme that they be fownden so defectyff xii*d*., yat to be levyed by the chamberleyns to ye use of ye comyns; and if the chamberleyns be enformed of such persons or of eny of them yat so doothe & wyll not levey the said panaltie, yat then yer shalbe deducte of the said chamberleyns fee the some aforesaid without eny pardon yeroff.

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[1] In the Book of Acts, p. 25.
[2] weather.
[3] lose.
[4] For Whetstone Court. In the Book of Acts, p. 24.
[5] furthest.
[6] M'tel. The Book of Acts has "Myhelmas."
[7] The Book of Acts has "after his othe."

CCLIV. *View of the Town's Estate.*

Hall Book, p. 72. [July 31, 1500.] Memorandum that ye state of the towne of Leycestre was vewyd and sene ouer the laste daye of Jully anno M[l] V[c]. by William Wygston ye yonger then Mayr, Mr Roger Wygstoune, Mr Crofte, Mr Trygge, with diuerse odre off the commonars yereunto to yem deputyd.

And firste wheyr yere was founden dew to Richard Gillott by ye town of Leycestre, for money paid oute at London by hym for ye towne ye some of vi*li.*, yere was gyffyn unto hym assynement of liii*s.* iiii*d.* of William Gillott for the redemyng of his chamburleynshippe, and to Jhon Dalton for his chamberlaynshippe liii*s.* iiii*d.*, and delyveryd hym in stuff oute of ye store hous with redy money paid to hym by W. Wygston, yen meyre, off such restes[1] as were cald in of ye eyde, and of ye xv[th],[2] Somma xiii*s.* iiii*d.* and so he to be quyte.

And wheyr yere was founden dew to Seint Sepulcres light of sent Martyns chirche, there was assynement gyffyn to Jeffray Daye and J. Pymant wardyns of ye same, to be reseived of ye chirch masters[3] of saint Martyns, Jeffray Daye yen beyng one hymself, for stuff reseived by yem oute of ye storehous of ye towne xxv*s.* and assynd to yem to be reseived of Walter Maye[4] for leyde yat he toke from ye North ȝate xiii*s.* iiii*d.* And giffyn to yem in redy money by W. Wygston off ye saide eyde money and xv[th], Sum xx*d.* so clere.

And where there was founden dew to Corpus Christi Gilde xl*s.*, yere was giffyn alowa[n]ces to Mr Roger Wygston and Richard Gillott, masters off the same gilde, off ye some off xl*s.* to be reseived of William Baily, parsell of such money as he shuld paye for his chamburlaynshippe.

And wheyr yer was founden dewe to sent Margytts churche ye some off iii*li.*, yere was assynyd to Grysogan Spensar & J. Welman yen masters of ye same chirche, to be reseived of Raff Gilis & William Rabley as parsell of ye foote of yer accounte when yei were chamberlayns[5] xx*s.* And of ye acounte of Milys Lambard & William Webbe[6] xxx*s.* iiii*d.* And paid to yem in redy money by W. Wygston as parsell of ye eyde money and ye xv[th], Sum ix*s.* viii*d.* and so clere.

[p. 73.] And wheyre yere was founden dewe to All Hallowchirche yer was alowance gyffyn vnto thyre chirche mastres of the same, of

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[1] Remnants.

[2] Probably the aid and fifteenth (undated), No. CCXLVII. above.

[3] churchwardens.

[4] See p. 355.

[5] 1497–8.

[6] Chamberlains 1496–7.

the acounte off Raff Gilis and William Rabley the same some, and so quyte.

And wheyr yer was founden dewe to John Norrys xvi*s.* viii*d.* paid by hym at Londun for the towne, yere was paid unto hym by William Wygston ye yongar in redy money as parsell of the eyde money and the XVth the same some et sic eque.

And wheyr yer was founden dew to Mr Crofte[1] for his †burgens† pens v*li.* x*s.* yer was assynyed unto hym of ye acounte of John Pymont and Richard Beston chamberlayns to be reseived of Nycolys Mason for his chamburlaynshippe liii*s.* iiii*d.* and off the bayles acounte lvi*s.* viii*d.* and so he was clere content.

Memorandum that at the same time ye bayle brought in his acounte off such money as he had aforetime reseived & remaynyng in his hands. And his burgys pens and all odre thynges aloude yat he coude aske alowans off to ye foresaid last daye of Jully, he ought[2] ye towne, Somma iii*li.* xiii*s.* vi*d.* (and note illegible).

†And received† summe predicte xx*s.* et soluti alia vice xxvi*s.* viii*d.* et soluti alia vice ville Leicestrie xiii*s.* iiii*d.* et sic debet ville xiii*s.* iiii*d.*[3]

Memorandum that William Wygston the yonger delyueryd ouer to Robert Hazand and Jhon Sylvar chamburlayns off such money as he had callyd in off ye eyde money and off the XVth the some of xlv*s.* remaynyng in thes parselles filowyng[4] and ye chamburlayns to charge yem selff with all on yere acounte. Item firste yei to reseive off Mr Rowlott which was dew be hym by rekonyng to ye towne xix*s.* ii*d.* And off Robert Knollys for money by hym dew for tymber oute of ye storehous & of money reseived of ye XVth xi*s.* vi*d.* And off ye bailye for his XVth iii*s.* and delyueryd yem in redy money by William Wygston ye yonger xi*s.* iiii*d.*—xlv*s.*

Memorandum that the towne owght to Thomas Dauy[5] etc., all thynkes[6] rekyned, for his burgys pens the said daye, Somma xl*s.*

CCLV. *Payment from the Treasury.*

Hall Book, p. 77. [Sep. 16, 1500.] At a comen hall holden at Leycester the XVI day of September the yere of the reyn of owr souereyn lord Kyng Herry the VIIth the XVIth, by a hole assent, concent and agrement of the Meyr, his brethern and of all the XLVIII,

[1] Mayor 1493—4.
[2] owed.
[3] This paragraph added later.
[4] following.
[5] Mayor 1488—90.
[6] things.

it[1] his agreed and condiscendid that Mastur Wylliam Gybson, Mayr of the seyd town, shall haue of the comen chaumbur of the town for his cost & charges that he spent at London for the comen weell & worship of the seyd town, brought up by a privey seell and a surmyse[2] of Thomas Hesylryge, sheryff of ye shyre xl*s.*, and the chamberleyns shall alowe vnto Master Rychard Gyllot for his beyng at London with hym þere at the wyll of the town vi*s.* viii*d.*

CCLVI. *Dispute with the Abbey.*

Hall Book, p. 76. [? Jan. 22 or Ap. 5, 1501.] At a comen hall holden at Leycestre in the fest of Saint Vincent the marter the XVIth yere of the reigne of our soveraigne lord King Harry the VIIth by a hole assent, concent & accrement of the Maire, his brethern, & the XLVIII, it was enacte & stablyshed that Maister Rob. Croft (& 8 named) shuld haue communicacion with certen of the Chanons of the Abbey for certen cheff rent[3], the which depends in variuance betwen the toun of Leycestre & the said abbey.

CCLVII. *Borough Ordinance.*

Hall Book, p. 77. [Same date.] *For seyllyng of wyne pots*[4]. Item at the same comen [h]all it was agreed and stablyshed that all vinteners dwelling within the town of Leycestre & the suburbes of the same from hensforward sell no maner of wyne with no pott vnsealed, but that they and every of them bring ye pottes what soeuer they be, lesse or more, to William Coke & yere to haue their pottes with the Kinges seale therfore ordined[5] and he to haue for iii pottes sealing iiii*d.* and if so be that eny of them from the day of the said comen hall or within a fourtnegh[6] next folowing be fownden defectyff in the premises, that then the foresaid William Coke or [his] successours shall take them as forfet and hold them to hys propre vse.

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[1] MS. item. [2] Or suggestion, a move to stay proceedings. Jacobs, *Law Dict.*
[3] Chief rent, rents of freeholders.
[4] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 384. [5] Statute of 7 Hen. VII. c. 3. [6] Fortnight.

CCLVIII. *Grant to the Borough.*

Box H, No. 422. [Jan. 7, 1502.] Grant from Tho. Burges of Leicester, hosier, to Roger Tryg, Mayor, John Clement and Will. Fewkys, chamberlains, of a messuage in Northgate near the great gate there, between the water of Soar on the North and the tenement of the Dean and Chapter of the College of S. Mary of the Newark on the South.

(Services to chief lord, warranty clauses.)

Witnesses: Roger Wigston, merchant of the Staple of Calais, Rob. Orton, bailiff, Rob. Croft, Ric. Gillot and others.

CCLIX. *Ordinance for the Craft of Tailors.*

Hall Book, p. 228[1]. [1502—3.] [2]Item it is agreed & establysshed for euer, in the tyme of mayraltee of William Frysley, by William Gybson & Nicholas Gower, wardeyns of the crafte of tayllours, by thassent of all there occupacion, that there shall no tayllour sett vp his crafte as a mayster within the town of Leycestre but the wardeyns of the seyd crafte for the tyme beyng shall bryng yn *xs.* of money and pay it to the chamberleyns, which occupyeth, the same yere of settyng vp, for his duetee to the Chapmangyld[3], a fourtenyght afore the same chamberleyns entre in to there account, apon peyn of forfettyng of *xxs.* of the Gyld of Tayllours money, to be leueyd by the seid chamburleyns to thuse of the comons.

CCLX. *The Waits' Collars.*

Hall Book, p. 81. [Jan. 13, 1503.] Memorandum quod XIII die Januarii anno XVIII r. r. Henrici septimi dictus Will. Frysley maior ville Leycestrie recepit de Johanne Clement quatuor colaria argenti ponderis XXIII vnciis de troy pondere que dictus Maior postea deliberauit Johanni Hawes & Willelmo Brom ad tunc camerariis ville predicte.

Note that on the 13th day of January in the 18th year of the reign of King Henry the Seventh the said Will. Frisley, Mayor of the town of Leicester, received from John Clement four silver collars[4] weighing 23 oz. of Troy weight, which the said Mayor afterwards delivered to John Hawes and Will. Brom then chamberlains of the aforesaid town.

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[1] After some recognizances of debt. [2] See Nichols IV. i. App. p. 375.

[3] Merchant Gild.

[4] Chains of office or badges, see N. E. D. s.v. *collar*. In the V. B. No. 87 is an undated record of the sureties of two waits for the collars of silver delivered to them.

CCLXI. *Election of Members of Parliament.*

Hall Book, p. 82. [Dec. 21, 1503.] Ad communem aulam tentam ibidem die Jouis prox. ante festum Natalis domini a.r.r. Henrici septimi decimo nono electi fuerunt burgenses parliamenti ad incipiendum vicesimo sexto die Januarii prox. futuro, Rob. Orton pro communitate et Will. Wygston iunior pro maiore et confratribus suis, qui equitabant versus predictum parliamentum die lune prox. ante festum conversionis S. Pauli.

At the common hall held there on Thursday next before the feast of Christmas 19 Hen. VII. there were chosen burgesses of the parliament to begin on 26 Jan. next following, Rob. Orton for the community and Will. Wigston junior for the Mayor and his brethren; who rode to the aforesaid parliament on Monday (Jan. 21) next before the feast of the conversion of St Paul.

CCLXII. *Borough Ordinances.*

Hall Book, p. 83. [Dec. 21, 1503.] [1]*For pynnyng*[2] *of cattall in the Castell.* Also it is enacted & stablyshed at the seid comen hall by the hole assent of the forseid Mayr & hys brethern & the XLVIII that no person dwellyng within the fraunchesses of this town pyn no maner of catall, horsse, mayre, ox, cowe, calfe[3] ne sywne, ne no noyer[4] maner of bestes at the Castell, bot that he yat fyndeth hym selfe so grevyd shall fyrst, ore[5] he dryve eny suche bests as is aforeseid to the Castell, compleyn hym to the alderman of hys ward or unto the alderman of the ward whereas the person dwelleth, yat oweth[6] the seid catell which trespassed to hym, & the seid aldermen to see the defaute betwen the seid parties & it ordre accordyng to right, & the seid parties to abyde al suche ends as the forseid aldermen shall make yerin; and who so euer attempteth to do the contrary shall forfet at euery tyme knowen with the same, xl*d.* yat to be leveid by the chamberleyns to the vse of the comons. [Notwithstandynge yt shall at al tymes be lawfull for euery man to pyn any suche cattell that so trespassythe agaynst hym in the comon pynfolde within the liberties of the towne without offendyng of this acte[7].]

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[1] In the Book of Acts, p. 26, dated Nov. 24, 1503, but in the Hall Book following on the above entry. A summary in Nichols IV. i. App. p. 384.

[2] impounding. [3] "or sheppe" added in the Book of Acts. [4] other.

[5] before. [6] owneth. [7] Added in the Book of Acts.

CCLXIII. *Lease from the Chamberlains.*

Hall Book, p. 87. [1504—5.] Be hytt knowe to all men yat I Wylliam Burges & Wylliam Mellares, schamberlynes of Leycestre, than & þere, haffe lette to farme the †XVII†[1] ȝeere off Kyng Hery ye VII a †messe with to yerde of land† a krafte[2] & II netes pastorres[3] with VII rode lands to Jhon Strettun for ye terme of LXI [yeres] he for to haue hytt to hym & hys heires essecutores and asynes with howthe vexasiun or trubbull.

CCLXIV. *Letters patent of Henry VII.*

Roll 259[1]. [4 March, 1505.] Inspeximus of the Letters Patent of Edward IV. [No. CXCIX above.] The present document then continues:—Now we, confirming and approving the aforesaid letters and all and singular the matters contained in the same, accept and approve the same for us and our heirs, as far as in us lies, and we ratify and approve the same to our beloved and faithful servant Robert Orton now Mayor and to the burgesses of the said town or borough by the tenour of these presents in such wise as the letters aforesaid in themselves reasonably testify. And further, of our more abundant grace and at the instance and special request of our beloved and faithful servant Robert Orton now Mayor of the town or borough aforesaid and for the singular affection and love which we have and bear to the aforesaid Mayor and burgesses or inhabitants of the aforesaid town or borough, and to increase the preservation of our peace and the sound ruling and the good of the public weal of the town and burgesses or inhabitants aforesaid, we have given and granted and by our present letters patent we give and grant for us and our heirs as far as in us lies to the aforesaid now Mayor and burgesses of the town aforesaid, the suburbs and precincts of the same, and to their successors the Mayors or burgesses aforesaid, that from henceforth the said now Mayor of the said town and his successors for the time being and four of the discreeter burgesses of the said town, together with the Mayor and Recorder of the said town, shall be the guardians and justices of the peace of us our heirs and successors, within the town aforesaid, the suburbs and precinct of the same, of whom the said Recorder of the said town for the time being shall be one, to keep and cause to be kept, to enquire, hear and determine all the ordinances and statutes [made] at Westminster, Winchester and Northampton for the preservation of the peace of us our heirs and successors; and the statutes and ordinances [made] there and elsewhere concerning hunters[5], workmen, artificers, servants, innkeepers, weights, measures, sale of victuals, beggars and vagabonds and other begging men who call themselves "Travelyng men"; and the statutes and ordinances [made] at Westminster in the first and second year of the reign of King Henry the Fourth sometime King of England concerning the not giving of liveries and other liveries of clothes, and the not using of the said liveries in any way, and concerning all felons, murderers and other malefactors; and certain

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[1] For XX—XXI, when the two persons named were chamberlains.

[2] Croft. [3] neats' pastures.

[4] Given in Latin in Throsby, p. 70, Nichols IV. i. App. 385, and *Bibl. Topog. Brit.* VIII. 931 sqq. [5] Cf. 1 Hen. VII. c. 7.

other statutes concerning the counterfeiting, clipping, washing or other falsifying of any money made or issued, the aforesaid exception[1] concerning such hearings of all kinds of felonies and of counterfeiting, clipping, washing and other falsifying of the money of our realm of England alone excepted, contained and specified in the said letters patent of the lord Edward the Fourth late King of England made to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding; and all and singular the other statutes, ordinances for the good of the peace and the quiet ruling and government of our people issued and in future to be issued, of and in all their articles, according to the force, form and effect of the same, within the said town of Leicester and the precinct of the same, and to chastise and punish and cause to be chastised and punished all those whom they find offending against the form of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid or any of them, in such wise as shall be done according to the form and effect of the said ordinances and statutes, the aforesaid exception notwithstanding, and to cause all those who threaten any of our people within the said town, suburb and precinct of the same in their bodies, or with burning their houses, to come by due form of law before them or two of them to find sufficient security for the peace and for their good conduct towards us, our heirs and successors for the time being and all our people; and if they refuse to find such securities then to cause them to be safely kept in our prison of the town aforesaid till they find such securities.

We will also and grant to the aforesaid now Mayor and burgesses and their successors that the said Mayor, Recorder and the other four burgesses of the said town for the time being, six, five, four, three and two of them, of whom the Recorder of the said town for the time being shall be one, from time to time in future times shall be the justices of us, our heirs and successors, to hear by the oath of honest and lawful men of the town aforesaid and the suburbs and precinct of the same, by whom the truth may be best known, concerning all treasons, murders, felonies, rapes of women, and other felonies whatsoever and of trespasses whatsoever, riots, routs and unlawful conventicles, embraceries, maintenancies, ambidextries[2], extortions, confederacies, conspiracies, trespasses, regraters and forestallers happening within the town aforesaid, the suburbs and precinct of the same, by any one or in any way done or perpetrated or henceforth to be done or perpetrated, and also to hear and determine all indictments whatsoever touching such trespasses and other misdeeds whatsoever within the aforesaid town and suburbs and the precinct of the same, before the aforesaid Mayor, Recorder, six, five, four and three of them, of whom the Recorder of the said town for the time being shall be one, justices of us and our heirs, to do and continue concerning the premises or any of the premises and to make process herein against all who, concerning the premises or any of the premises, henceforth shall happen to be indicted before the justices of us, our heirs and successors, until they be taken, returned or outlawed; and to hear all and singular the things which may be done, perpetrated or attempted against the form of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid, or to the enfeebling of the same, or any of them, within the aforesaid town, suburbs and precinct of the same, and which may chance henceforth to be done, perpetrated or attempted there, both at our suit and that of any others whomsoever, willing to sue or prosecute before the said justices, for us our heirs and successors or for themselves, and to be ended according to the law and custom of our realm of England and according to the form of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid, in as ample a maner and form as

[1] In Edward IV.'s charter, p. 280.

[2] Taking of money from both sides by jurors.

elsewhere the other justices of the peace of us, our heirs and successors, may or can enquire, hear or determine elsewhere in any county of our realm of England; and also to determine trespasses of forestallers aforesaid, and all other matters abovesaid, not declared at our suit however, and to hear and determine all other matters which by virtue of any ordinances or statutes ought to be so discussed and determined by the conservators of the peace of us and our heirs and successors and the justices of us, our heirs and successors; and there belongs or shall belong [to them] the doing, exercising, hearing and determining concerning whomsoever offending against the form of the statutes and ordinances aforesaid or any of them, to chastise and punish for their offences by fines, ransoms and amercements and in any other way, in such wise as was usual elsewhere within our realm of England before the ordinance made for the corporal punishment to be done to such offenders, saving to us, our heirs and successors, the fines, recognitions, ransoms, issues and amercements to us our heirs and successors by reason of the aforesaid justice to be adjudicated and affeered or belonging to us in this behalf in all the sessions of our said Mayor, Recorder and others aforesaid.

But we will that our aforesaid justices and each of them, of and on all the fines and issues forfeited and assessed in the sessions aforesaid, shall have and each of them shall have the same wages and fees as all the justices and conservators of the peace in the said county of Leicester received according to the form of the statute issued concerning the having of the same, although the office of justice in the town or borough aforesaid may have been ordained after the aforesaid statute was ordained for receiving such wages, ordained by our said ancestor. And that any other Justices of the Peace of us, our heirs or successors, or any other Justices of us, our heirs and successors may not intermeddle by any ordinance and statute issued or ordained concerning the premises or any of the premises arising or happening or concerning any of the premises or within the town aforesaid, the suburbs and precinct of the same, for the purpose of exercising, doing or executing in anything there any of the premises or any office concerning or on behalf of them or any of them there, nor shall any one of them interfere, or have or exercise any jurisdiction herein.

And further, of our ampler grace, knowledge and mere motion, we have given and granted and by these presents we give and grant to the aforesaid now Mayor of the town or borough aforesaid and the burgesses aforesaid and their successors, that whenever and as often as it shall chance or happen henceforth for ever that any fifteenth and tenth, quota, tax, aid, subsidy or annual or certain sum of money or other burdens whatsoever, under whatsoever name or form are granted or shall happen to be granted to us, our heirs and successors, the Kings of England, by the commonalty of our realm of England, and by the citizens and burgesses of the cities and boroughs of this realm, by authority of parliament, or of common council, or otherwise in any wise and for whatever urgent reason, be granted, offered or conferred on us or our heirs or successors, in any way, that on the moderating, taxation, ordering, assessment, collection, levying, receipt and taking of all and singular or of any one or more of such fifteenths, tenths, quotas, taxes, aids, subsidies or annual or certain sum of money whatsoever or of any parcel hereof, or of any burdens whatsoever, no one or more of the commissioners, moderators, assessors, ordainers or taxors in the aforesaid county of Leicester, assigned or to be assigned for the body of the said county in that behalf, henceforth shall be assigned by the royal commission of us, our heirs or successors, or by any other mandate of the realm whatever, to moderate, tax, ordain, or assess any one or more of the burgesses dwelling or inhabiting or residing within the town or

borough aforesaid and the suburbs of the same, as contributory or chargeable for their goods, chattels, lands, tenements or things within the town or borough aforesaid or the suburbs of the same for the time being, or happening henceforth to be, with the hundreds, boroughs, towns, townships, lands, tenements and hamlets, persons, goods, chattels, lands or tenements, being within the said county of Leicester, as parcel of the burden of the said county: but we will, ordain and, by the tenour of these presents as far as in us lies, for us, our heirs and successors, we establish and grant by these presents to the aforesaid now Mayor and burgesses of the town or borough aforesaid and their successors, that the aforesaid Mayor of the said town or borough now being and all his successors, the Mayor there for the time being, and who shall be henceforth, for the time being, and four of the more honest, discreet and wise burgesses of the same, to be associated with the said Mayor for the time being, by us, our heirs and successors, for the time being, by royal commission from time to time as such case shall arise or such grants shall happen, shall be assigned in the premises, and shall have power and authority henceforth for ever within the town or borough aforesaid, to order, moderate, tax and assess, by themselves, the Mayor and four discreeter men of the town or borough aforesaid so assigned by the king's commission, separate from the commissioners of the body of the said county of Leicester henceforth to be assigned, on and in all such grants, charges and gifts of fifteenths, tenths, quotas, taxes, aids, subsidies or other contribution or charge whatsoever, to be made to us, our heirs or successors, and in all the parcels thereof, to tax or apportion or assess all and singular the burgesses, resident, dwelling and inhabiting in the town or borough and the suburbs of the same for the time being, according to their rate and proportion of their goods, chattels, lands and tenements within the town or borough, accruing to them by right of the contributories and the persons chargeable, that is to say, for every whole fifteenth and tenth, £21, the tax of the said town, to be paid to us and our heirs, over and above the sum of £5. 13*s.* 4*d.*[1] for the tax of that town or borough, to be brought in such single payments and allowed for to the said burgesses, and their collectors deputed for this purpose, in such wise as the town or borough aforesaid of old was contributory and taxed, and in its aforesaid deduction was wont to be exonerated or allowed hitherto for the share or portion of this town or borough, with the said body of all the county of Leicester aforesaid, whilst it was contributory to the body of the said county of Leicester in its collection and payment.

And we will and ordain that we, our heirs and successors and each of us, shall cause each of our commissions to be directed to the Mayor and four discreeter burgesses of the said town or borough for the time being, for executing all such taxations, deputations, and nominations of collectors to be deputed within the said town or borough, so that henceforth for ever the town or borough aforesaid and all and singular the Mayors, and burgesses, residing, staying, and inhabiting in the same and the suburbs thereof, shall never be charged with the payment of the fifteenth and tenth aforesaid and of other grants, gifts and contributions aforesaid, with the other towns, boroughs, townships, hundreds, hamlets and places of the body of the said county of Leicester, for their share thereof, however it may chance to be contributed, but they shall be charged and taxed only for their said share of the said town or borough to the sum aforesaid, and according to their share of the rate of the same, over and above the aforesaid deduction, by the moderators, taxors

[1] See pp. 40, 75, for payments of 40 marks, £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*, as Leicester's share for a fifteenth and tenth.

and assessors aforesaid of the said town or borough assigned by us, our heirs and successors the Kings of England for the time being as is aforesaid, in such a way that they shall no wise be taxed, assessed or made to pay or be in any wise charged, oppressed, or distrained or molested by any commissioners, assessors or taxors of the said county of Leicester or any other our commissioners general being within our realm of England, happening to be nominated or appointed, and that the said Mayor and the others his fellow taxors, moderators, assessors and ordainers within the said town or borough and suburbs for this purpose for the time being, henceforth assigned and to be assigned by us, our heirs and successors as is aforesaid, by themselves, separate from the other commissioners of the body of the said county of Leicester, may and can nominate, depute, assign, ordain or charge such and so many sufficient collectors of fifteenths, tenths, quotas, taxes, aids, subsidies and any other burden and contribution and parcel of the same, belonging or happening to belong within the town or borough aforesaid and the suburbs of the same to us, our heirs and successors, when and howsoever the occurrence of such concessions to be so collected and raised may chance or happen, for whom they shall answer, and they shall duly certify their names, as often as it shall so happen to be done, from time to time, to us, our heirs and successors, into our Exchequer or elsewhere according as by such concessions they may chance to be made, by themselves alone and divided from the other commissioners of the body of the said county of Leicester under their seals, and that all such collectors of the said town or borough, so from time to time, whensoever and howsoever they were named, deputed, ordained or charged in the form aforesaid, in such case shall not be charged with the collectors of the body of the county of Leicester in any way, or answer for other more or larger sums in their accounts with the said collectors of the body of the county of Leicester, but that the said collectors, to be deputed and named within the said town or borough shall be charged henceforth in the form aforesaid, to be assessed as is aforesaid, with such and so many sums whereof the said town or borough, and each of the burgesses, staying, inhabiting and residing there and in the suburbs thereof, for itself, divided from the said body of the aforesaid county of Leicester according to the proportion and charge of the said borough as the case may happen, shall be charged or assessed by the said assessors within the town or borough aforesaid by themselves as is aforesaid, and shall henceforth be entirely separated, divided and discharged from whatsoever their collections, contributions and payments with the collectors of and for the body of the county of Leicester and other collectors whomsoever to be deputed outside of the town or borough aforesaid, although the said burgesses or inhabitants within the said town or borough and suburbs may be deputed or chance to be deputed herein by the commissioners of the body of the said county of Leicester henceforth in any wise with the collectors of the said county.

We grant also to the Mayor, burgesses and their successors aforesaid, that no burgess resident of the town or borough who now is and henceforth may chance to be, henceforth may be made, or be, or be charged to be, a collector of any of the premises in any place or in any places within the said county of Leicester or elsewhere, being outside the town or borough aforesaid or the suburbs thereof, by any commissioners of the said corporation of the aforesaid county of Leicester, nor shall any others outside the said town or borough be deputed, assigned or nominated by reason of any their goods, chattels, lands or tenements in the said county of Leicester or elsewhere being or happening to be outside the town or borough aforesaid and the suburbs thereof, but that the said burgesses and each of them and their heirs and successors and each of them, burgesses of the town or

borough aforesaid, henceforth for ever by the tenour and authority of these presents henceforth and from time to time in all such their collections, contributions and payments, by reason of the said collections happening in the said county of Leicester or elsewhere outside the town or borough beforesaid in this behalf shall be and each of them shall be entirely discharged and quit towards us and our heirs: The omission in these presents of an express mention of the true annual value of the premises or of the other gifts or grants made by us, our ancestors or predecessors, to the said Mayor and burgesses before this time, or any other statute, act, ordinance or restriction made, ordained, issued, or provided, to the contrary of the premises, or in any other fact, cause or matter whatever in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster the 4th day of March, in the 20th year of our reign.

By the king himself and of the date abovesaid by authority of parliament.

For 13*s.* 4*d.* paid into the hanaper.

CCLXV. *Benevolence Roll.*

Box 9, No. 206. [1505[1].] The benevolens of the XXIIII, XLVIIIth & other commoners, for the contentyng of suche charges as was paid for the newe charter & for the dettes of the town.

(Divided into wards, Nos. 1, 2, 5, 10, being missing.)

(3rd ward.) John Norres Alderman. The Northe quarter without yate.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
In primis Will. Clerk ...	5	0	Joh. Bowfeld	2	0
Joh. Bellers	3	4	Joh. Parken		8
Joh. Bewpas	6	8	Maister Nores	20	0
Tho. Baker	3	4	Hen. Mylner		8
Ric. Blayke		8	Rob. Browne		6
Joh. Thorneton	2	0	Rob. Gaddesby	1	0
Ric. Byrde...	1	0	Joh. Smythe		9
Joh. Sagrave		8	Ric. Estwell		4
Will. Heynstok	3	4	Ric. Egyngton		6
Joh. Copeland	1	0	Joh. Barwell	1	0
Grizagon Spenser	3	0	Joh. Gamell		4
Tho. Spenser	1	0	Nic. Markeham		4
Ric. Curson	3	4	Nic. Rogers	1	0
Hewe Tomson	5	0	Joh. Hardy		6
Alex. Clerk		8	Joh. Tesedale	6	8
Joh. None	1	0	Sum £3. 17*s.* 10*d.*		
Will. Plumer	1	0			

On the v° are notes of the portions received by the Mayor, and of certain "desparet dets."

[1] Undated, but clearly connected with the receipt of Henry VII's charter March 4, 20 Hen. VII. The names of the aldermen agree with those entered in the Hall Book after the wards of 15 Hen. VII. (above, p. 357). The aldermen would seem to have held office for long periods. This set of aldermen had succeeded those of 1 Ric. III.

(4th ward.) Will. Mishell Alderman. Belgrauegate on bothe sydes strete to the corner fore agaynste Berchill Crosse with the Kyrkegate to Seint Margaretts chirche.

	s.	d.
Joh. Spenser	1	0
Tho. Leyr		4
Will. Richardson		6
Will. Belton		4
Allyn Haynesworthe ...		4
Rog. Parsons		8
Christopher Symson ...		8
Symon Nores		6
Ric. Brown		4
Edm. Ledd	1	0
Rog. Cornelius		4
Will. Maplyn		4
Will. Whitley		4
Joh. Fawse		4
Joh. Arnold		4
And. Glover	1	0
Tho. Story	1	4
Will. Molynesse		4
Ric. Blount	5	0
Tho. Moreton		4
Bart. Chamberleyn		8
Blak Hewe		4
Hewe Lyppyngton		4
Ric. Fynne		8
Joh. Vincent	1	0
Tho. Faux		4
Oliver Lichefeld		8
Ric. Peyte	1	0
Christopher Clowghe ...	1	0
Will. Purboysse		8
Joh. Grysby		8
Maistres Toby		
Raff. Gilbert	1	0
Tho. Syngleton		8
Hen. Tomson	6	8

	s.	d.
Maistres Penny		
Rob. Borothby		4
Tho. Shelford		4
Will. Abbot		6
Tho. Mers	1	0
Joh. Gillam		
Joh. Wynslowe		4
Alys Dawson	3	4
Joh. Smythe coriour ...		4
Joh. Peyrsyball		4
Joh. Shemell		4
Bald Henry		4
Will. Munke		12[1]
Rob. Cartwright		4
Rog. Heynesworthe ...	1	0
Rob. Hatter	1	0
[1]Rob. Tomson	1	4
[2]Tho. Whittington		4
John Pyper	6	8
Ric. Stoke		8
[2]Will. Teler		4
Tho. Patryk	1	0
Nic. Swane		8[1]
Joh. Fynne		4
Joh. Laueroke		4
Ric. Lawson		4
Joh. Randell		6
Will. Heley		4
Nic. Wasse		4
Joh. Bradley	3	0
Tho. Gillowe		6
Annes Lyon	3	4
Ric. Bell	6	8
Will. Michell	13	4
Sum £3. 16*s.* 8*d.*		

On the v° notes of receipt and desperate debts.

[1] Note of receipt of half.

[2] Note "nihil."

(6th ward.) Will. Wigston thelder.

The ward from the Est ȝate on bothe sydes the strete to Pexsall corner, with Parchement Lane.

	s.	d.
Mr Rog. Wigston	20	0
Will. Wygston thelder ...	20	0
Edm. Harfforthe		6
Elys Serle	1	0
Tho. Frend		4
Rob. Staples	4	0
Tho. Hewet	6	0
Lawr. Alsope		4
Ric. Harfforthe	5	0
Will. Beyn	2	0
Nic. Heyn	2	0
Clem. Smyth	1	0
Tho. Hurste	13	4
Joh. Rysse	1	8
Tho. Pymond	1	8
Will. Ryton		6
Rob. Hazand	4	0
Walt. Lysle	5	8
Joh. Roberts cutler	1	0
Will. Gibson		4
Tho. Barbour		8
Joh. Fowler	3	0
Lawr. Dawson	2	0
Ric. Boston	13	4
Raff Garthesyde	2	0
Will. Sharpe	6	8
Hughe Bosse		8
Tho. Mome		8
Joh. Blunte	1	8
Rob. Langthorne	1	4
Rob. Barbour		4
Ric. Burley	1	4
Tho. Bassewell	6	8
Hewe Hostler		4
Ric. Chevall	2	0
Tho. Barker		4
Tho. Hillyng tayllour ...		8
Joh. Sare coriour		6
Will. Moke		4
Ric. Eyre	6	8

Sum of thys roll £7. 6*s*.

Among notes (debt and receipt) "Item resceived of Mr Wigston elder by Mr Maire at the stone in the chirche yerd 13*s*. 4*d*."

(7th ward.) Maister Ric. Gillot Alderman.

The ward from the hye crosse to Pexsall corner on bothe syddes the strete.

	s.	d.
Raff Colveill	6	8
Nic. Gower		8
Tho. Hawes		4
Rog. Browne	1	4
Rob. Molens	1	0
Joh. Pymond	6	8
Tho. Wiff		4
Eliz. Chaundler	1	4
Tho. Cotton	13	4
Joh. Colveill		6
Geff. Day	6	8
Joh. Feyttyng		4
Rob. Knolles	6	8
Lawr. Grevys	3	4
Will. Rubley	6	8
Will. Gillott	6	8
Tho. Plaunt	1	0
Mr Rog. Tryg	20	0
Mr Ric. Gillot	20	0
Mr Ric. Reynolde	13	4

Summa £5. 16*s*. 10*d*.

(8th ward.) Joh. Waysse Alderman.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Joh. Marten	6	8	Joh. Nicolson	2	0
Will. Metcalfe	1	0	Joh. Dewyk		8
Joh. Clement	6	8	Ric. Reppyngton		4
Hen. Gillot	6	8	Joh. Coke		6
Annes Grene		4	Joh. Saxeby		4
Joh. Waysse	13	4	Tho. Walker		4
Will. Coke	2	0	Hewe Elys	1	0
Joh. Halmarke		6	Tho. Smythe	4	0
Tho. Granger		6	Joh. Dowghtye		4
Will. Byngham		4	Will. Smythe		4
Tho. Harryson		8	Tho. Richardson		6
Will. Westoes	1	8	Tho. Jacson	1	8
Joh. Mylner		4	Pet. Brother		4
Joh. Crokeby	3	4	Rob. Wall	6	8
Hen. Marten		6	Tho. Cator	6	8
Joh. Smythe		6	Summa £3. 11*s.* 10*d.*		

(9th ward.) Will. Wigston junior Alderman.
Setterday Market and the Canke.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Will. Wigston jun	20	0	Hen. Hynde	1	4
Hen. Clare		6	Reg. Coke	2	8
Joh. Newman	5	0	Ric. Coke	2	0
Tho. Parker		6	Tho. Devell		8
Joh. Westoes	2	0	Joh. Stener		4
Tho. Newton	3	4	Will. Pratt jun.	1	8
Joh. Chamberleyn	6	8	Ric. Clement		6
Will. Coke	1	4	Tho. Salysbury	1	8
Tho. Fraunce	1	4	Tho. Wayte		8
Ric. Milner	1	0	Joh. Massy	3	4
Will. Wayte	1	0	Hen. Nicolson	1	0
Sim. Warden		8	Rob. White	1	0
Ric. Kylby		8	Will. Pratt elder	3	4
Tho. Jamson		8	Tho. Watson		4
Joh. Walker		6	Steven Grene		4
Joh. Holmes		8	£3. 16*s.* 8*d.*		

Notes of the Mayor's receipts and desperate debts.

(11th ward.) William Gibson Alderman.

His ward begynneth at Southe ȝate vnto the Gray Frerelane & Sore Lane on both syddes to Fosbroke bakhouse with Gundyk.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Joh. Edlyng	6	8	Will. Fowkes	6	8
Joh. Heryng	1	0	Tho. Maydwell		
Ric. Morgon	3	4	Will. Howkyns	1	4
Geo. Raynforthe		8	Joh. Bowlle	2	8
Will. Taillour		6	Will. Claver		4

	s.	d.
Will. Claybroke		8
Will. Marten		4
Joh. Sandiford		4
Joh. Gregory		4
Ric. Smethe		4
Maister Gibson	20	0
Hen. Erle		4
Will. Frysley	20	0
Lawr. Brystowe		4
Ame Hore	2	0
Joh. Newton		6
Tho. Harby	6	8
Joh. Barton	10	0
Joh. Lokey	1	0
Joh. Trowell	1	0
Will. Johnson		8
Will. Wyppys		4
Will. Clark		4
Ric. Kee		4
Joh. Rebet		4
Tho. Alyne		4
Tho. Foster	1	0
Joh. Morell	1	0
Rob. Wayne	1	0
Tho. Wales	1	0
Ric. Powell		4
Ric. Gillam	1	0

Summa £3. 13*s.* 8*d.*

(12th ward.) William Frysley Alderman. Sowthe quarter without yate.

	s.	d.
Tho. Rawbone	3	4
Tho. Diatson	2	0
Joh. Wyldblod		4
Tho. Todkyll		8
Joh. Baker	1	4
Rob. Borton	6	8
Rog. Okley	1	0
Will. Ynnesley	1	0
Tho. Grene	2	0
Nic. Bailly	1	0
Tho. Wylson	1	8
James Brown		4
Tho. Potter		4
Tho. Spenser		4
Annes Walker		8
Joh. Bosseworthe	1	0
Hen. Richardson	1	0
Will. Hall		4
John Priour		4
Ric. Woodward		6
Rob. Smythe		4
Joh. Olyff		4
Joh. White	1	8
Will. Clerk		4
Nic. Trewloff		4
Hen. Mosse		4
Tho. Padmon		6
Ric. Pare	1	0
Will. Welles		8
Rob. Somer		4
Ric. Tesedale		6
Joh. Browne	1	8
Nic. Barker		4
Edw. Lydderland	1	4
And. Langton	10	0
Will. Singleton		
Lawr. Hedley	2	0
Tho. Taillour	3	0
Joh. Gote		4
Rob. Foster		8
Will. Colynson		6
Hen. Holman		8
Will. Ranacles	1	0
Rog. Persons		4
Joh. Berege		4
Tho. Bell		4
Joh. Smytheson		6
Joh. Morewhat		4
Tho. Godley		4
Joh. Murrey		4
Rog. Ing		4
Christoph. Nedham ...		4
Ric. Gren		4
James Taillour		4

Sum £3. 17*s.* 6*d.*

CCLXVI. *Borough Ordinances.*

Hall Book, p. 87. [Sep. 21, 1505.] *For frayes & brekers of the Kynges peace.* At a comen [hall] halden at Leicestre the XXI^ti day of Septembre the XXI^ti yere of our soveraign lord King Henry the VIIth it is agreed, stablished & affermed by Roberte Orton, then Mair of the seid town, his brethern & the XLVIIIth of & [in] the name of the hole body of the same town, that all thoes ordenances[1] made in the tyme of marialtie of Roger Wigston, for ponishement of affrayers & breykers of the Kyngs peas with the seid town to be had euer after ferme & stable. And that the Mair for the tyme being & hys successours to come after hym, well & truely shall levey of euery person or persons that make eny fray the penaltie yerfor made, as it appereth more at large in the seid acte, the one halfe wheroff to be to the King & the other halfe to the chambre of the town of Leicestre. And it is provided that if the Maire for tyme being do not levey the seid pana[l]ties as in the said acte is compre[h]ended, that proved, that then the chamberleyns for the tyme being to withold & deducte of the Mairs fee as much as the seid pana[l]tie draweth[2] amounteth vnto as often as it is so founden, at the jopardie of the seid chamberleyns if thei do the contrary or eny money to hym pay.

CCLXVII. *Agreement to pasture two of the Black Friars' Cows in return for prayers.*

Hall Book, p. 87. [Sep. 21, 1505.][3] At a comen hall halden at Leicestre the XXI day of Septembre the XXI yere of our soveraign lord Kyng Henry the VIIth, it is agreed, stablyshed & affermed & gyffen by Robert Orton then Mair of the seid towne, his brethern & the XLVIIIth in the name of the holle body of the same town to Frere Wylliam Ceyton prior of the blak Frerys of Leicestre beyng that tyme & to all his successers for euer, the pasture of ii kye in our commynalte, callyd ye kowe hey, to bee as free as eny of vs without let or ympedyment of eny of vs, for the which he gaffe vs XXS. & he & his howsse to prey for vs for euer. In witnesse of the same we gyffe vnto hym and his howse our seale of office. Then beyng chamberlens William Mellors & William Burgeys.

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[1] See p. 317. [2] Redundant. [3] Nichols IV. i. App. p. 387.

CCLXVIII. *Rental of Corpus Christi Gild.*

Box 7, No. 178[1]. [Sep. 29, 1505.] Rentale Redditus terrarum et tenementorum pertinentium Gilde Corporis Christi Leycestrie renouatum in festo S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. r. Henrici septimi vicesimo[2].

Firste the deane & chapitour of the Newark for a tenement in the parishe of Seint Nicholas by yere 1*s.*

(And closely resembling CCXLIV above.)

Sum total of free rent £11. 12*s.* 6¼*d.*

Sum total of rents at will £25. 2*s.* 2*d.*

In all £36. 14*s.* 8¼*d.*

CCLXIX. *Memorandum of the Delivery of goods.*

V.B. No. 15. [March 2, 1506.] Memorandum that Syr Thomas Derby, deyn[3] of Seint Mairys of Leicestre sumtyme keper of Kyng Henry tombe at Wyndeshore hathe deliuered afore Richard Reynold Maire of the town of Leicestre the secund day of Marche in the XXI yere of the reign of our soueraign lord Kyng Henry the VIIth to Hewe Annesley of Ruddington in the countie of Notingham gentilman & grome of the chamber to our soueraigne lord aforeseid, ii masers, one of them with a rose gilte in the fownde[4], & the other with a floure in the fownde enameled & vi spones with lyons on the endes gilte, for the whiche ii maisers & spones the seid Sir Thomas hathe resceyued of the foreseid Hewe xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* of lawfull money of Englond in full payment of that that the seid masers & spones was leid to pleage[5] for the seid xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* by one John Fletcher of Wyndeshore.

CCLXX. *The Sheep Market.*

Hall Book, p. 86[6]. [May 21, 1506.] *The Rey*[*ve*]*newe of the Shep Markytt.* Be it knowen that on the XXI day of May the XXI yere of the reigne of our soveraign lord King Henry the VIIth, it is agreed, enacted and stablyshed by Roberte Orton then Maire of the

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[1] See notes to CCXLIV.

[2] *Trans.* Rental of the Rent of the lands and tenements belonging to the gild of Corpus Christi of Leicester renewed at Michaelmas 20 Hen. VII.

[3] dean. [4] bottom. [5] pledge. [6] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 387.

town of Leycestre, by the advise, assent & consent & agrement of all his brethern named the XXIIII[t] and also of XLVIIIth in the name of the hole cominaltie of the seid town of Leycestre, fermely hereafter to be observed & kept that from the forseid XXI[ti] day of May forward to Mighelmes then next coming twolmoneth, the sheppys market shalbe kept & holden in the Setturday Market, and that the revenews and profetts yeroff shalbe taken & perseyuyd[1] to the vse and profytt of the hole body of the seid town by suche certein persons as fro tyme to tyme shalbe deputed & ordened yerfor by the seid Mair, his brethern and his successours after hym in tyme to come, whiche seid persons shall yerly from yere to yere bryng in ye money to the chamberleyns for tyme being & to yeld a true accompte to them, and the chamberleyns in thend of their yere to charge them selfs with the seid money in their accompte & discharge them of the same afore the Mair for the tyme being & the auditours yerfor elect & chosen, after the auncient custome of ye town of Leicestre, and this present acte to be obserued & fermely to be kept in maner & forme as afore it is condissended & agreed, uppon peyn of xl*s.* to be levyed of the Mair next succeding of his fee, iff he attempt to breyk the seid ordinaunce, and of every of his brethern that wold attempte the same, xx*s.*

CCLXXI. *Note of a Bequest.*

Hall Book, p. 100. [1508.] Memorandum that one William Weste hathe bequested vnto the churche of Seint Martayn l*s.*, xl*s.* therof is paid by the hands of William Jonson and Thomas Ballesley of Chepynge Farryngton executors of the seid William Weste and to the exibucion of a prest for a yere c*s.*, wherof is pade by the same executors iiii marc and thei promysson to pay the residue of the seid money the fest of Corporis Christi next at Coventrie to Mr William Wygeston.

CCLXXII. *Borough Debts.*

Hall Book, p. 96. [Ap. 5, 1508.] Memorandum that there was founden by Mr Walter Mey Meire of the town of Leycestre and diuerse of his bredur the Vth dey of Apriel the XXIIIth yere of the reygne of Kyng Henry the VIIth, that their was fownde dewe by the towne of Leycestre to William Burges for the rest of his accompte

[1] Fr. percevoir, to collect, receive.

synce he was chaumberleyn the some of iiii*li.*, of the which iiii*li.* he was assined by the seid Meir and the seid persones to reyseve of Robert Staples, the which he owyth to the town the some of liii*s.* iiii*d.*, and of Robert Collyns xxvi*s.* viii*d.* and the seid partiez present at the same tyme and well contented iche with othur for the seid assignement.

Memorandum that their was fownden dewe to Thomas Newcome for the fote of this accompte of William Mellers chamburleyn, by the town of Leycestre, the some of iiii*li.* xii*d.*, wherof he was contented in his owne hands by the agrement of Mr Meir and his brethurn, for money that he ought[4] to Corpus Christi Gilde. And for the makeynge of the dener[1] by William Mellers and his wif & hymselff the some of xliii*s.* iiii*d.* And for money that shulde pay for the Chapmans Gylde x*s.* And then assigned hym to reyseue of Mr Rede xiii*s.* iiii*d.* and of Mr Baylly xiii*s.* iiii*d.* and so quyght.

Memorandum that their was fownden dew to William Sharp and Thomas Hewett for the fote of their accompte synce thei weir chaumberleyns the some of iii*li.* xviii*s.* i*d.* ob. q^{a}., wherof thei assigned and sett ouer to reiseue of the Church mastres of Seint Marteyn church for dewtie due vnto the Town the some of iii*li.* ix*s.* vi*d.*, to be paide xx*s.* euery halff yere tyll hit be paide; and to Mr Meir for dewtie that he owyth vnto the town v*s.* xi*d.*, and to reiseue of Mr Bailly ii*s.* viii*d.* for the rest of his money that he ou3th vnto the town and soo clere.

Memorandum that their was fownden dew to Corpus Christi Gylde by the town of Leycestre the some of v*li.* xvi*s.* viii*d.*, wherof was assigned to be reiseued of Richard Lowth for a rest that he ought[2] for the byenge of his chaumberleinshepe xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* And of Robert Collyns for the rest of his money that he ought[4] vi*s.* viii*d.* and the rest to be paide of the accompts of William Wryght and Richard Blownt, now chaumbreleyns, at their accompte.

Memorandum that yer was fownden dew vnto Mr Wayzs by the town of Leycestre xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* the which he was assingned to reiseue of Mr Smyth for v nobles[3] that he ougth[4] vnto the town and iche of them contented with othur & so clere.

p. 97. Memorandum that their was fonden dewe vnto the town by Edward Chaumberleyn and Henry Tomson, chaumberleyns, for the fote of their accompte, the some of xlv*s.* v*d.* ob. q., the which was

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[1] dinner.

[2] for a sum over that he owed.

[3] The noble was worth 6*s.* 8*d.*

[4] owed.

assigned to be reiseued by the chaumberleyns now beynge and to charge them with hit in their accompte.

Memorandum that the dey aforeseid their was founden dew by Mr Baylly vnto the town of Leycestre, before the seid Meir and othur of his brethurn, and all thinges recevyd, the some of xvi*s.*, the which he promysith to pay within a monyth next insuynge.

Memorandum that their was founden dew by Richard Lowth xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* the which he promysid to pay at Mydsomer next and at Michelmas after by even porcions.

Item their was fonden dew by Robert Collyns for the byenge of his chaumberleynshepe xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* wherof he promysid to pay xvi*s.* viii*d.* within xvii deys after Ester next ensueying, and xvi*s.* viii*d.* at the fest of Michelmese after.

Item their was fondon dew by Thomas Smyth for the byeng of his chaumberleynshepe xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.*, the which he promysed to pay at Corporis Christi dey next ensueynge, and the same was appoyntid to Mr Wayzs for money dew to hym by the town.

Item their was fowndon dew by Robert Staples for the redemynge of his chaumberleynshepe liii*s.* iiii*d.*, which he promysyd to pay quarterly euery quarter vi*s.* viii*d.* vnto the seid some be payde.

Item their was fondon dew by Mr Rede for the rest of the redemyng of his chaumberleinshepe xiii*s.* iiii*d.*, the which he promysid to pay at the plesure of Mr Mey and his brethurn.

Item their was fonden dew by Seint Marteyn Church to the town of Leycestre iii*li.* ix*s.* vi*d.*

CCLXXIII. *The Sheep Market.*

Hall Book, p. 95. [Ap. 7, 1508.] Ad communem †allam† tentam ibidem die Veneris prox. post festum S. Ricardi Episcopi a.r.r. Henrici septimi vicesimo tercio[1].

[2]Memorandum at the same commen hall it is aggreed, stablesshed and enacted by Walter Mey, then Meir of the same town of Leycestre and his brethern with the XLVIII in the name of the hole body of the town, that the Shepis Markatt shalbe hensforth firme and stable sett and holdon styll in the Market place and the reuenuez, issuez and profettes therof to be to the behoff and profett of the town.

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[1] *Trans.* At a common hall held there on Friday next after the feast of St Richard the Bishop 23 Hen. VII.

[2] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 387.

And at the same commen hall comyth William Clerk and takyth of the same Meir, his brethern and of the XLVIII^ti in the name of the hole body of the town, the profettes of the same Shepys Markett with C & XII craches[1] for the shepys pennys for the terme of VII yeres next folowynge and to pay therfore yerely to the Chaumber of the town iii*li* of lawfull money, and at the ende of the same terme to leue as many craches as aboue is lymett, well and sufficiently reperid, all which couenaunt to be performed and kepte the seid William hath bowndon hymself by this presents, and the same William Clerk hath taken to be coparsoners with hym in the same, William Metcalff and Thomas Key.

CCLXXIV. *Borough Ordinance*[2].

Hall Book, p. 98[3]. [Ap. 7, 1508.] *For layeng furthe of muck within ye iiii yates.* Memorandum that it is enacted that their shall no man ne woman ne seruaunt lee owt no maner of moke ne swepynges within the iiii yates of the town, but withowt, in suche plases as ben assigned, that is to say in the netherende of Belgraue gate and in the feld withowt Galtre gate ende and beyonde the horse feer, vnder payn for euery tyme taken with such default xl*d.* to be levid by the chaumberleins to the vse of the Town. ([4]For the Weste quarter at the Sore syde at the comyn drawt[5].)

(This record appears in the Book of Acts, p. 25, in these terms:) At a comen hall holdyn the Fryday next after the feast of Sent Richard the byshoppe, in the tyme of Meraltie of Mr Watter Mey in the XXIII^t yere of Kyng Henry the VII^t, yt was agred, establysshed & enactyd by the seid Watter Mey, then Mayer of the towne of Leicester & his brethren, with the XLVIII^t, in the name of the holl body of the same towne, that ther shall no man, woman ne seruant lay owt no muke or fylthe at ther dores, nother stockes, stones, tymber ne clay, ne non other maner of thynges to the annoyaunce of the Kynges people except yt be a bylder in the stretes of the towne, nether within the iiii yates ne within the iiii stretes of the subbarbs but that yt be remouyd and carryed awaye within iii days next after that yt be ther so layd, on payn of iii*s.* iiii*d.* as oftyn as any of them be takyn with suche defaute[6].

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[1] See N.E.D. s.v. *cratch*; here hurdles. [2] Cf. Nichols IV. i. App. p. 388.
[3] Without date in the Hall Book, but see the entry in the Book of Acts below.
[4] Added in another hand. [5] The common privy, see No. XXXVIII. above, p. 61.
[6] See above p. 290.

CCLXXV. *Conveyance in Portmoot.*

Hall Book, p. 98. [June 22, 1508.] Memorandum that on Mondey next before the fest of Corporis Christi the XXIIIth yere of the reynge of King Henry the VIIth, comyth Robert Grene, son of Thomas Grene late of Leycestre decessid, before Walter Mey then Meir of the town of Leycestre and diuerse of his brethern in the oppon Cowrte of Portmote, and knolegeth that he hathe barganid and solde vnto the seid Walter Mey all his ryght, title, claym or enterest that he hath hadde, †haue† or mey haue in all such lands and tenements as the seid Thomas his fathur late hade within the town and felds of Leycestre and Brentyngthorp in the cowntie of Leycestre, to haue and to holde to the same Walter or his heirz or assignes for euer.

[In the margin:] Vacat quia non cognouit in curia: ideo pro nullo effectu stat[1].

CCLXXVI. *Fine for the Chamberlainship.*

Hall Book, p. 98. [Sep. 21, 1508.] Memorandum that in the fest of Seint Mathew the XXIIIIth yere of the reinge of Kyng Henry the VIIth, William Bolt and Robert Harwar made fine for their chaumberlenschipe, and were sett on the Benche the same dey.

CCLXXVII. *A writ of Privy Seal received.*

Hall Book, p. 225. [Jan. 9, 1509.] Memorandum that the IXth dey of January the XXIIIIth yere of the reynge of Kyng Henry the VIIth John Redde reisevid a pryvy seall of one of the Kynges purseuant[2] byfore the Meir of Leycestre, Mr Dale, Chanon of the Colege of Leycestre, Richard Reynold, Walter Mey, Tho. Smyth, Tho. Cotton, & Rob. Hassand of the same town.

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[1] *Trans.* Annulled because it was not acknowledged in Court: therefore it is of no effect.

[2] Pursuivants.

APPENDIX.

The following fragments were found in some large bundles of fragmentary rolls, mostly without date, too late for inclusion in their proper places in this and the preceding volume.

I. *Purchase of goods for the Earl.*

Box L, No. 248. Amongst a collection of 13th and 14th century tallage rolls, detached from the documents to which they belonged or fragmentary, there is a list of expenses for things sent to the Earl Edmund "at Kenilworth at the siege of the castle[1] 50 Henry III," including wheat, oxen, cows, sheep, malt, iron, probably forming part of the record numbered XXXVI in vol. I, the purpose of which is not named there.

II. *Tallage Roll.*

Box L, No. 247 (1). [Oct. 10, 1267.] Anno LI die lune in crastino festi S. Dionysii isti XII fuerunt electi ad assidendum vnum tallagium de LII marcis ad aurum domine regine[2].

(The sum of the roll is £35. 15*s*. 8*d*.)

In the 51st year on Monday the morrow of the feast of St Denys these 12 were chosen to assess a tallage of 52 marks for the Gold of the Lady Queen[2].

III. *Portmoot Roll.*

Ibid. (2). [1269—1270.] This fragment is headed "Extracta Henrici servientis[3]." It consists of a list of persons who wage mercy for various offences, e.g. bloodshed, "homsokyn," flogging, theft, debt, raising the hue, false claim, withdrawal from plea, not coming to hear judgment; also for not sending corn to be ground at the lord's mill

[1] June—Dec. [2] On Queen's Gold, see I. 347 note. [3] Estreat of Henry the serjeant.

but elsewhere, for withdrawing the "sequela" of the lord's ovens, and for the following trade offences, "because he could not make law for butter bought against the town's assize," for buying herring before the (lawful) hour, for selling herring by retail, and another "quia stetit inter carrectas cum allece[1]."

On the dorse is further added a list of names and payments headed "Extracta Henrici de Contasthorp de — (a word illegible) in quartrona orientali an. LIIII coram"[2] (blank).

IV. *Account on the Building of the Gildhall*[3].

Box L, No. 248. [? 1274.] Ces sunt nos despenssis de gilalle de Leycestre apres la chaundelur.

En vn hus & guns et staplis vi*d.* ob. en huuerrus le lundi iii*d.* ob. le mardi iii*d.* ob. le merkedi iii*d.* ob. le jodi iii*d.* ob. le uendredi iii*d.* ob. le samedi i*d.* le mardi suuaunt e[n] huuerus ii*d.* ob. q^{t} a nostre macun xi*d.* e autre sumeine a nos karpuntres xviii*d.* a un macun xii*d.* en cerueise iii*d.* q^{t} en cariage i*d.* a Jon Sturdi pur merrem ii*sol.* al macun xii*d.* q^{t} a Will le Gardener iii*sol.* iiii*d.* Jon Karitas xviii*d.* †an de[4]† lindraper xvi*d.* a Will Le Waleis vi*d.* e pus iii*d.*

Nos despensis pus la paske en nos carpunters iiii*sol.* v*d.* Simund Dorlot viii*d.* Tom Alleskineng vii*d.* Hue Alsole xii*d.* a vn Tortpost ix*d.* Han Lindraper iii*sol.*

These are our expenses for the Guildhall of Leicester after Candlemas.

In a door and hinges and staples 6½*d.* in workmen the Monday 3½*d.* the Tuesday 3½*d.* the Wednesday 3½*d.* the Thursday 3½*d.* the Friday 3½*d.* the Saturday 1*d.*; the Tuesday following in workmen 2¾*d.*, to our mason 11*d.*; another week to our carpenters 1*s.* 6*d.*, to a mason 1*s.*, in beer 3¼*d.*, in carriage 1*d.*; to John Sturdy for timber 2*s.*, to the mason 1*s.* 0¼*d.*; to Will. the Gardener 3*s.* 4*d.*, John Charity 1*s.* 6*d.*, to Henry the Linendraper 1*s.* 4*d.*, to Will. Walsh 6*d.* and then 3*d.*

Our expenses since Easter in our carpenters 4*s.* 5*d.*, Simon Dorlot 8*d.*, Tom Alleskineng 7*d.*, Hugh Alsole 1*s.*, to one Tortpost 9*d.*, Henry Linendraper 3*s.*

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[1] because he stood among the carts with herring (? forestalling). See the phrase in this volume p. 22, "ne estoise sur les charettes de pessoun ne de haranges."

[2] Estreat of Hen. of Countesthorpe of — in the East quarter in the 54th year before...

[3] This ancient building account seems worth preserving in full. The end is torn away. From the persons named therein it would seem to belong to about 1274, when an account for the Guildhall is referred to, see I. 115.

[4] For "Han le" as below.

En le autre sumein en nos carpunters iii*s.* vi*d.* en cerueise v*d.* ob. de Ricard de Selt' iii*d.* de Robert de Silebi iii*d.* de Margeri Mutun iii*d.* ob. en merrem xviii*d.* en le autre sumein a nos carpunters iii*s.* a lur manger viii*d.* a leuer le mer[em] en huuerus xii*d.* ob. en cerueise ii*d.* lendemain en ceruese viii*d.* en huuerus ii*d.* qt. en clous ii*d.* ob. en huuerus iii*d.* ob. qt. en huuerus i*d.* qt. en merem xii*d.* ob.

En le autre sumeine en huuerus iii*d.* ob. en fere le puz de sablun ii*d.* ob. qt. pur launcer sablun iii*d.* en merem viii*d.* a batre le mur iii*d.* ob. en sablun i*d.* a trere le peris ii*d.* ob.

En la sumeine devant la pentecuste a macuns Henri xviii*d.* a Will xvi*d.* Hue xiiii*d.* a Roger vii*d.* ob. Al fiz H. iiii*d.* ob. en huuerus ii*d.* ob. pour fuir sablun vi*d.* en cauz iiii*d.* ob. en cerveise ii*d.* G. de Sent Botouf x*d.* en merem xii*d.* en fers a nos henstris[1] viii*d.* en bord iii*d.* a fere la bare ii*d.* qt.

Ricard le Marechal xvii*d.* en la sumeine apres la pentecoste en nos carpunters xiiii*d.* e huuerus ii*d.* ob. en fuer sablun ii*d.* ob. e †meren† xii*d.* ob. en cerueisei ii*d.* en kariage ii*d.* en sablun xii*d.* en clous i*d.*

En gros clous ii*d.* ob. en le autre sumeine en nos carpunters xx*d.* en huuerus iii*d.* ob. en cerueise ii*d.* en merem xii*d.* ob. en ii futs v*d.* al fuir vi*d.* ob., Alisaundre Persun xii*d.* Rob. de Anesti xii*d.*

Apres la sent Pere en nos macuns vii*d.* ob. en huuerus ii*d.* ob.

In the next week in our carpenters 3*s.* 6*d.*, in beer 5½*d.*, to Ric. de Selt' 3*d.*, Rob. of Sileby 3*d.*, Margery Mutun 3½*d.*, in timber 1*s.* 6*d.*, in the other week to our carpenters 3*s.*, for their food 8*d.*; to raise the timber, in workmen 1*s.* 0½*d.*, in beer 2*d.*, the morrow in beer 8*d.*; in workmen 2¼*d.*, in nails 2½*d.*, in workmen 3¾*d.*, in workmen 1¼*d.*, in timber 1*s.* 0½*d.*

In the next week in workmen 3½*d.*, in making the sand-pit 2¾*d.*, for casting sand 3*d.*; in timber 8*d.*, to build the wall 3½*d.*, in sand 1*d.*, for drawing the stone 2½*d.*

In the week before Whitsuntide to masons, Henry 1*s.* 6*d.*, Will 1*s.* 4*d.*, Hugh 1*s.* 2*d.*, Roger 7½*d.*, to the son of H[ugh] 4½*d.*, in workmen 2½*d.*, for leading sand 6*d.*, in lime 4½*d.*, in beer 2*d.*, G. of Boston 10*d.*, in timber 1*s.*, in iron for our windows (?) 8*d.*, in board 3*d.*, to make the bar 2¼*d.*

Ric. the Farrier 1*s.* 5*d.*, in the week after Whitsuntide in our carpenters 1*s.* 2*d.*, and workmen 2½*d.*, in leading sand 2½*d.*, and timber 1*s.* 0½*d.*, in beer 2*d.*, in carriage 2*d.*, in sand 1*s.*, in nails 1*d.*

In large nails 2½*d.*; in the next week in our carpenters 1*s.* 8*d.*, in workmen 3½*d.*, in beer 2*d.*, in timber 1*s.* 0½*d.*, in two large trees[2] 5*d.*, for the leading 6½*d.*, Alex. Parson 1*s.*, Rob. of Anstey 1*s.*

After St Peter's (day) in our masons 7½*d.*, in workmen 2½*d.*, and lime 1*d.*;

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[1] The word appears to begin with an *h* or possibly a *tr*.

[2] So Kelham, Dictionary.

e caus i*d.* en le autre sumeine en huuerus ii*d.* qt. en menu merein un d. ob. en cerueise i*d.* Pus la Maudeleine en merem xv*d.* ob. en huuerus iii*d.* qt. en cauz ii*d.*

Pus la sent Jake...

Pus la gule de Aust...(torn at the end.)

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in the next week in workmen 2¼*d.*; in small timber 1½*d.*, in beer 1*d.* Then (on the feast of St Mary) Magdalene in timber 1*s.* 3½*d.*, in workmen 3¼*d.*, in lime 2*d.*

Then on St James' day...

Then on the gules of August[1]...

V. *Fragments of Tallage Rolls.*

Box L, No. 248. [1315—16.] Notes of arrears of tallage.

Ibid. [1327.] Tallage for the Marshalsea in the first year (of Edward III.) in the time of John Alsy (a short list of debts, owing for the Marshalsea and the present, see No. V. in this volume.)

Box L, No. 252. [1329.] A Cannemol in the time of Robert of Stretton in the third year; 128 persons pay in all £9. 1*s.* 2*d.*, the assessors being Robert of Stretton, Mayor, Rob. le Clerk, bailiff, and 8 others.

Box L, No. 249. [1332.] Taxation of the tenth granted to the King for his sixth year at Michaelmas (a fragment only, giving the value of the goods and the proportion paid to the king).

Box L, No. 247. (9) [1343—4.] Allowance of divers tallages assessed in the time of Geoff. of Kent, late Mayor of the town of Leicester, allowed to the collectors of the said tallages before Ric. Leverich then Mayor of Leicester and many other Jurats being in full morning-speech (etc.).

Pence pardoned to...collectors of the tallage of the Marshalsea in the 16th year, i.e. from the wardens of the hospital, vicars, chaplains and other poor persons and certain tenants not of the community.

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Item there is allowed to him (Geoff. of Kent) on account for an easement of a gutter (guttera) on his land in the "Kyrke lane" of St Margaret remaining to the community for ever, 6*s.* 8*d.*

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[1] Aug. 1.

VI. *Admission to the Confraternity of Burton St Lazar's.*

Box G, No. 369. [Jan. 9, 1474.] Universis Sancte Matris ecclesie Filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Frater Willelmus Magister de Burton Sancti Lazari Jerusalem in Anglia et eiusdem loci confratres salutem ac utriusque hominis continuum incrementum. Quia quanto magis spiritualia dona erogantur tanto ut credimus potiora eterne retribucionis premia conseruantur †verum† dileccioni vestre innotescimus per presentes quod sancte Romane Ecclesie pontifices ex plenitudine eorum potestatis nobis graciose indulcerunt quod omnibus qui de facultatibus et bonis eisdem a deo collatis nobis subvenirint aut in nostram fraternitatem †sunt† assumpti et omnibus benefactoribus ac exortatoribus tociens quociens unum annum injuncte penitencie relaxauerunt et in plenam participacionem omnium missarum et aliarum devocionum singulis ecclesiis per universum orbem deo offerendarum ac singulis annis in die veneris magne ebdomade eorum proprium curatum plenam habere potestatem eosdem absolvendi ab omnibus peccatis nisi talia sint super quibus sedes apostolica sit merito consulenda, et eciam vota abstinencie et peregrinacionis quecumque commutandi in alia pia subsidia dicto hospitali eroganda, votis Jerusalemitan' et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum dum-

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To all the sons of Holy Mother Church to whom the present letters shall come, Brother William Master of Burton St Lazar's of Jerusalem in England, and the co-brethren of that place, both greeting and the continual profit of each man[1]. Since the more largely spiritual gifts are bestowed, by so much, as we believe, the better rewards of eternal retribution are secured, we make known to your affection by these presents that the pontiffs of the Holy Roman Church out of the plenitude of their power have graciously indulged us so far that they have released to all who, of the means and goods granted to them by God, shall assist us, or shall be taken into our fraternity, and to all benefactors and supporters whensoever, one year of enjoined penance and full participation of all masses and other devotions to be offered to God in all churches throughout the whole world; and every year on Friday of Holy Week have mercifully granted full power to their own *curatus* to absolve them from all sins, except such as the Apostolic see ought to be consulted upon, and also to commute vows of abstinence and pilgrimage whatsoever into other pious aids to be bestowed on the said hospital, vows of [visiting] Jerusalem and the Blessed

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[1] Meaning probably both spiritual and worldly life.

taxat exceptis, et in tempore mortis omnium peccatorum plenam remissionem, personis autem ecclesiasticis in nostram fraternitatem assumptis qui propter †notum† irregularitatem a sentenciis canonis vel hominis †contractis† pro beneficio absolucionis ad curiam romanam debuissent accedere vt id a proprio curato valeant recipere misericorditer concesserunt, ac sic ab eodem propter omissionem horarum canonicarum †induimus† pro recompenso plenam remissionem et ut hii qui in nostram fraternitatem sunt assumpti si ecclesie ad quas pertinent a divinis officiis fuerint interdicte eosque mori contigerit eisdem ecclesiastica sepultura non negetur nisi vinculo excommunicacionis nominatim fuerint innodati. Vnde nos magister et confratres hospitalis antedicti auctoritate apostolica vigoreque privilegiorum nostrorum in nostram confraternitatem recipientes dilectos nobis in Christo Robertum Bostokke, Johannam uxorem suam et Agnetem et Aliciam filias eorum †et Aliciam matrem† nostrorum privilegiorum indulgenciarum et aliorum pietatis operum participes in omnibus fecimus per presentes. Sigillo nostro confraternitatis signato apud Burton predict' in nostra domo capitulari vicesimo nono die mensis Januarii A.D. 1473.

Apostles Peter and Paul alone excepted, and in the hour of death, full remission of all sins; and also for the persons ecclesiastical taken into our fraternity, who ought to go to the Roman Court for the benefit of absolution from the sentences of the canon or the civil law incurred for notorious irregularity, they have mercifully granted that they may receive it from their own *curatus*, and likewise from the same (*curatus*) for the omission of the canonical hours we obtain for recompense full remission, and that those who are taken into our fraternity, if the churches to which they belong shall have been interdicted from the divine offices, and it shall happen that they die, shall not be denied ecclesiastical burial, unless they shall have been excommunicated by name. Wherefore we the Master and co-brethren of the hospital aforesaid by the apostolic authority and by virtue of our privileges receiving into our confraternity our well-beloved in Christ, Robert Bostock, Joan his wife, and Agnes and Alice their daughters and Alice the mother have made them sharers of our privileges, indulgences and other works of piety in all things by these presents. Signed with our seal of the confraternity at Burton aforesaid in our chapter-house on the 29th day of the month of January A.D. 1473.

Calendar of Conveyances, etc.[1]

BOX 13.

1. No. 85. [Aug. 14, 1329.] Grant from John son of Will. of Broughton of Leicester to Will. of Ashby and Alice his wife of a piece of land in the parish of St Michael, between the land which Roger of Claybrooke holds of the Prior of Coventry and Matilda of Broughton's land, stretching from the common way which leads to St Michael's church to Adam Pestel's land; rent at the end of ten years, 40*s*. Witnesses, Robert of Stretton, Mayor, Robert the Clerk, bailiff, Ric. Passer, Geoff. of Osbaston, Adam Pestel, Will. of St Lo.

2. No. 87. [Mar. 20, 1330.] Release from Will. of Ashby and Alicia his wife to Will. the Dyer (le Dexter) of Leicester of all their right in a piece of land (as described above). Witnesses, Rob. of Stretton, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Hen. Dowel, Ric. of Cranford, Will. the Turner, Will. of St Lo, Stephen the Clerk.

3. No. 86. [Ap. 2, 1330.] A seventeenth century copy of the royal licence[2] to Henry Earl of Lancaster empowering him to grant lands in mortmain to refound a hospital in honour of God and the Virgin Mary and houses for the accommodation of a master and chaplains, with the advowson of the church of Irchester (Northants).

4. No. 88. [May 4, 1330.] Grant from John of Broughton of Leicester to William the Dyer of Leicester of a piece of land in the parish of St Michael, lying between Adam Pestel's land and the land sometime John of Knightcote's, and stretching from the King's highway to John the Black's land. Witnesses, Rob. of Stretton, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. of the Wainhouse, Will. the Turner, Geoff. of Osbaston, Will. of St Lo, Stephen the Clerk.

5. No. 89. [Dec. 2, 1336.] Grant from Will. of Swepston to Ric. of Swepston, his brother, and Alice his wife, and John their son, of a piece of land outside the North Gate, i.e. in the Walker gate, lying between John Poutrell's land and the said Richard's and stretching from the common footpath to the said Richard's land. Witnesses, Will. Warin, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. the Fisher, Hen. of Bosworth, John ———, Will. the Turner, Hen. of Skeffington.

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[1] The spelling of names derived from places, and some others in which there is no marked deviation from the modern form, has been normalized.

[2] See *Cal. Rot. Pat.* 1327–30, p. 503.

6. No. 90. [Ap. 23, 1337.] Grant from Matilda widow of Geoff. Nicol of Leicester to Maria daughter of Rob. Burgess of Leicester of a messuage outside the East Gate of Leicester, i.e. in Gallowtreegate (Galtregate), between the tenement of Hawisia of Stretton and Robert Burgess's and stretching from the said street to the town-ditch. Witnesses, Will. Warin, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. of Rockingham, John of Derby, John Geryn, Ric. of Liddington. [Seal: circular: black wax: within a double circle the letters I H C. Size: 11 mm.]

7. No. 91. [Same date.] Release from Robert of Blaby of Newton to Maria daughter of Rob. Burgess of Leicester of his right in the messuage described above. Witnesses, as above, omitting John of Derby and John Geryn and adding John Steyn and Will. Wynd. [Seal: circular: red wax. Within a cusped circle, Virgin and kneeling figure within an enclosing legend WILL...Size: 16 mm.]

8. No. 92. [June 19, 1337.] Grant from John "le Northrene[1]" to Alice his daughter of a piece of land in the parish of St Margaret, i.e. in the Southcrofts, between the land sometime Will. the Black's and the land sometime John of Knightcote's, stretching from the lane called Hangman Lane (Hengeman lane) to a common footpath next Ric. of Walcote's land. Witnesses, Will. Wareyn, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, John Breveytour, Andrew Sixandtwenty, Simon Curlevache, John of Packington. [Seal: undyed wax. As in No. 7.]

9. No. 93. [Mar. 25, 1339.] Grant from Will. son of Will. the Porter of Leicester senior, to Will. his son and Alice his wife of a messuage in the East suburb, i.e. in Belgravegate, between Hen. of Baddesley's tenement and Amicia of Queniborough's, stretching from the King's highway to Longcroft. Witnesses, Will. de Cloune, Mayor and bailiff, John of Derby, Rob. the Porter, Will. of Clipston, Alan of Desford, Will. Charity, Hen. of Keyham, Adam the Clerk.

10. No. 94. [Sep. 17, 1341.] Grant from Will. Hykedon of Leicester, chaplain, to Thomas, son of John the Rider, of a messuage in St Martin's parish, in the high street, between John Leverich's messuage and the messuage late Henry of Peatling's. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. the Goldsmith, Ric. the Cook, Simon the Barber, Walt. the Fisher, Will. the Clerk.

11. No. 95, 96. [Sep. 29, 1341.] Counterparts of a lease from Ric. of Baddesley to Ric. the Large of a messuage with adjacent curtilage in the North suburb, between Rob. Brid's tenement and Ric. of Baddesley's; rent for the first ten years 14*s.* at the terms usual in

[1] The Northerner.

Leicester, and two hens at Christmas, and afterwards 20*s*. The lessor to repair and protect from damage from wind and rain. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Ric. of Swepston, Tho. Poutrell, John of Tilton (Tirlington). [A vesica seal: white wax; device a griffin. Size: 15 × 20 mm.]

12. No. 98. [July 6, 1342.] Grant from Thomas son of John the Rider of Leicester to John son of Nicholas of Forstebury of Leicester of a messuage (described in No. 10; it stretches from the King's highway to the land of Matilda daughter of Nic. the Mercer). Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. of Dunstable, Will. Leverich, Will. the Goldsmith, Will. of Wakefield, Walt. the Fisher. [Seal: circular: red wax; within a legend, birds picking at a flower in a pot. Size: 15 mm.]

13. No. 99. [Nov. 11, 1342.] Grant from Tho. Marewe of Leicester, chaplain, to Thomas son of Hen. of Barkby of Leicester, of a half-acre of arable land in the South Field of Leicester, between the Countess's land and Hen. of Barkby's, stretching from the Rawdykes (Roudyk) to the said Henry's land[1]. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Will. de Cloune, bailiff, Will. of Knighton, Hen. of Barkby, Tho. the Rider, Tho. Gounfrey, Adam the Clerk. [Seal: white wax, illegible.]

14. No. 102. [Jan. 2, 1344.] Grant from Will. of Knighton of Leicester, draper, to Nic. son of Hen. of Barkby of Leicester, of five roods of arable land lying together in the South Field in a place called "Le Watery," between Tho. Wade's land and Gilbert the Avener's. Witnesses, Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Gilbert the Avener, bailiff, Roger of Claybrooke, Ric. Norman, Hen. of Barkby, Tho. Martin, Will. the Dyer.

15. No. 104. [Ap. 26, 1344.] Grant from Will. the Taverner of Coventry to Gilbert the Avener of Leicester and Elena his wife of all the lands and tenements etc. which he had of the gift of Tho. son of Walter of Bushby of Leicester. Witnesses, Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Will. of Dore, clerk, John Leverich, Will. of Dunstable, Will. Wareyn, Will. Goldsmith, John Brid, Ric. of Stafford, cook, John Pestel. [Endorsed "Carta taberne in alta strata."] [Seal: red wax: circular: within a legend I H C surmounted by scroll-work. Size: 15 mm.]

16. No. 105. [Nov. 6, 1345.] Grant from Tho. of Willoughby of Leicester to Maria Black of Leicester of a messuage and a piece of land adjacent in St Margaret's parish, i.e. in Gosewellgate[2], lying

[1] This plot is described in vol. I. No. LII. (p. 398).

[2] See the conveyance in vol. I. No. XLIV.

between the land sometime Ric. Salman of Kirby's and the tenement of Ric. of Houghton, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of Johanna of Ingarsby. Witnesses, Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Gilb. Avener, bailiff, John of the Wainhouse, Rob. Porter, Rob. of Willoughby, Hen. of Baddesley, Hen. of Foston.

17. No. 107. [Aug. 22, 1346.] Counterpart lease from John son of Will. of Thurmaston of Leicester to Gilb. the Avener of six acres of arable in the South Field of Leicester, which the said John held by lawful inheritance after the death of Walter of Knightcote; rent at the end of 14 years, 40*s*. Witnesses, Ric. Leverich, Mayor, Will. of Dunstable, Will. of Dore, clerk. [Fragment of seal.]

18. No. 108. [Oct. 2, 1346.][1] Grant from John of Rolleston, John of Tilton (Tirlington), and Stephen Bellfounder (Belȝeter) of Leicester to John of Stafford, John of Glen and Will. Edelyn of Leicester, of eighteen pence of rent issuing from two pieces of land in the North suburb, in Walkercrofts, of which the one piece lies between the ditch and the common footpath and abuts on the land of Tho. Poutrell and the other lies next Will. Baldwin's land. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. Grove, bailiff, Tho. of Nosely, Hen. of Walton, Rob. Pouterell of Leicester. [Three seals: red wax:

(1) circular: within a bold legend, ? head radiated. 15 mm.

(2) circular: within a legend, ? 2 birds. 12 mm.

(3) on a shield a stag's head with qu. ? between antlers.]

19. No. 109. [May 24, 1347.] Release from Robert son of Phil. Nallesone of Newbold in Chesterfield to Will. Goldsmith of Leicester of all his right in a croft in St Nicholas' parish, lying between the land of Peter of Mountsorrel and of Ric. of Foston, which croft the said Will. had of the gift of Rob. le Wayte on his death. Witnesses, John of the Wainhouse, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, Ric. Leverich, Walt. the Fisher, Hen. Aldyth. [Endorsed: "Relaxio de cotagiis in le Frere lane."]

20. No. 110, 111. [Dec. 24, 1347.] Counterpart leases from Maria of Lutterworth of Leicester to John of Rolleston of Leicester of a piece of land outside the North Gate in the lane called Walkergate, 160 feet long and 20 feet wide, lying between the plot of Will. of Wakefield and the land of Ric. son of the said Maria; rendering, after six years, a rose on Midsummer Day. Witnesses, John the Receiver (Resseivour), Mayor, Gilbert Avener, bailiff, Ric. of Swepston, Rob. of Rolleston, John of Tilton (Tirlington).

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[1] See No. 24. Probably both are grants in aid of the Gild of the Assumption of Saint Mary.

21. No. 114. [May 19, 1348.] Acknowledgment of debt from Ric. of Stafford of Leicester, cook, and Henry Black of Leicester to Simon of Osbaston of Leicester, chaplain, son and heir of Geoff. of Osbaston of Leicester, of 100*s*. [Two seals: red wax:

(1) circular: within a legend and cusps ? a pot with flower between 2 birds.

(2) circular: within a bold legend qu. ?]

22. No. 112, 113. [Oct. 15, 1348.] Seventeenth century copies of the inquisition post mortem on the Lincolnshire property of Alicia de Lacy late Countess of Lincoln. [*Cal. Inq. P. M.* p. 143.]

23. No. 115. [Oct. 20, 1348.] Seventeenth century copy of the entry on the charter-roll relating to the said Lincolnshire property.

24. No. 116. [Dec. 29, 1348.] Grant from Ric. of Swepston of Leicester to John of Rolleston, John of Tilton, Will. Fisher, John of Peckleton, John Burgess, John of Claybrooke, Tho. de Vescy, John the Painter, Stephen Bellfounder, Ric. the Large, parishioners of All Saints' church[1], of eighteen pence of rent (as described in No. 18). (Distraining clause.) Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. Avener, bailiff, Walt. Barker, Tho. Poutrell, Hen. of Wigston, John of Rolleston, John of Glen of Leicester. [Seal: black wax: circular: within a legend a quatrefoil containing qu.? Size: 17 mm.]

25. No. 117. [Jan. 11, 1349.] Confirmation from Emma, widow of Will. Fythyan of Seagrave, of a demise made by indenture with her consent by the said Will. to Rob. Burgess of Leicester, of a plot of land in St Margaret's parish, between the land sometime Godfrey de (illegible) and the ditch of the orchard once Will. Baldwin, clerk's, next Bukston Lane. Witnesses, Rob. Keling, Tho. Poutrell, Rob. of Rolleston, Ric. of Groby, carpenter, Hen. of Baddesley.

26. No. 118. [Jan. 28, 1349.][2] Grant from Ric. of Swepston of Leicester and Alicia his wife to Hugh their son of a plot of land outside the North Gate in St Margaret's parish, lying next the ditch on the one side and the land sometime Will. Baldwin's on the other, and stretching to a common footpath leading to the Soar and to the land of the said Ric.; rent a rose at Midsummer. Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, John of Tilton, Hen. of Belgrave, John son of Hugh Barker.

27. No. 119. [Same date.][3] Grant from the same to the same of a plot of land outside the North Gate in All Saints' parish, lying

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[1] See note to no. 18.

[2] Cf. conveyance XLV. in I. 396.

[3] Cf. LIV. and LV. in I. 398–9.

between the tenement of the Abbot of Leicester and that of the grantors, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of John Burgess; rent as above. Witnesses as above, omitting Hen. of Belgrave and adding Will. of Sileby, John of Peckleton, John the Clerk.

28. No. 120. [Feb. 22, 1349.] Grant from Walter the Barker to Henry of Belgrave of Leicester and Agnes his wife of two shillings, two hens and two cocks, of annual rent issuing from the plot (described above). (Distraining clause.) Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, John the Barker, Rob. of Swepston, Will. of Sileby.

29. No. 121. [Mar. 25, 1349.] Grant from Hen. of Belgrave, barker, to John of Tilton (Tirlington) of Leicester, barker, Rob. of Rolleston, Tho. Poutrell, John of Peckleton of Leicester, barker, of two shillings, two hens and one cock, of annual rent issuing from a plot belonging to Alice of Swepston formerly wife of Ric. of Swepston lying between the capital messuage formerly the said Richard's and a piece of land belonging to the Abbot of Leicester and stretching from the King's highway to Rob. Burgess's land. Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, Will. Goldsmith, Will. of Dunstable, Hen. of Bosworth, Will. of Dore. [Two seals: white wax: (1) ? a standing figure and surrounding legend. (2) roughly attached to this a second seal: circular: within a legend and cusps and shield blazoning a bend and ? chief. 19 mm.]

30. No. 122. [Mar. 31, 1349.] Release from Agnes widow of Hen. of Belgrave to John of Tilton of Leicester, John of Rolleston, Tho. Poutrel, John son of Hugh Barker, Rob. of Rolleston, John of Peckleton, and John of Kirby of the same of the right in the rent (as above). Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, John of Kirby, Ric. of Glen, John of Ashfordby of Leicester. [Seal: white wax: circular: within a legend Virgin and child: broken: 9 mm.]

31. No. 123. [Ap. 17, 1349.] Grant from Johanna daughter of Matilda the Baxter (le bauxter) of Frisby on Wreake, to Ralph son of Tho. of Sysonsby (Sixtonby) of Frisby of a messuage in Gaddesby lying between the messuage of Ric. of Gaddesby and that of John Donwold. Witnesses, Rob. son of John the Clerk, Will. son of John of Sysonby, John Pote, Ric. of Loddington, Sim. Lole, Will. the Smith, Will. at the Mill. Dated at Frisby.

32. No. 125. [Ap. 30, 1349.] Grant from John Hunt of Leicester to Edith his wife of a tenement in St Martin's parish, lying between

that of John Leverich and that of John Peatling. Witnesses, John the Receiver, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, Tho. of Barkby, Rog. of Claybrooke, Rog. of Knightcote. [Seal: red wax: circular: Virgin and child, and kneeling figure: legend defaced: 18 mm.]

33. No. 124. [Same date.] Letter of attorney from John Hunt to John of Normanton to deliver seisin of the same. [Same seal.]

34. No. 126. [May 20, 1349.] Grant from Ralph at the Pear-tree of Stoughton, chaplain, to Hen. the Smith (marchal), Adam the Wright of the Abbey, Rob. of the Hall, Hen. of Birstall, Adam the Lather, Adam Gregory, of a part of a messuage in the North suburb which he had of the gift of Simon of Thorpe of Leicester and Agnes his wife, i.e. the part lying beyond the North Bridge, from the high dyke (†alto scano†) of the capital messuage of the said Simon to the bridge, and stretching from the King's highway to the Soar. Witnesses, John Hayward, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, John of Tilton, Rob. of Rolleston, Ric. of Glen, John son of Hugh the Barker, Ric. the Large. [Seal: white wax: circular: within a defaced legend qu.? 13 mm.]

35. No. 128. [Oct. 4, 1349.] Grant from Petronilla daughter of the late Will. the Lord (le Loverd) of Leicester to Gilbert the Avener of Leicester and Elena his wife, of five selions and two 'pikes' (pikas) called Dousewong, lying in the South Field of Leicester, between the land of the Countess of Lancaster and the land sometime Will. of Sutton's of Leicester. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, John Hayward, Receiver of the Honour of Leicester, Rob. of Knightcote, Roger of Claybrooke, Ric. Norman, Will. of Wakefield, Rog. of Croxton. [Two seals: red wax. (1) Circular: within a legend ? a Catherine wheel. (2) Circular: within a legend ? a lion passant.]

36. No. 129. [Nov. 6, 1349.] Grant from Margaret Geryn, formerly wife of Will. the Fisher of Leicester, to John the Chamberlain of Barrow of a plot of land called the Pingle, in St Margaret's parish outside the North Gate near the Soar. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, Hen. of Bosworth, Sim. of Thorpe, Adam the Lather, Sir Will. Lamb, vicar of St Leonard's. [Seal: see No. 15.]

37. No. 130. [Dec. 21, 1349.] Grant from Will. Wareyn of Leicester to John de Hodinges of Leicester junior and Emma his wife of two messuages in the Apple lane, the one set between the bakehouse of the Earl and the tenement sometime Will. of Sileby's and stretching from the said lane to the place called the Holybones, and the other set between the tenement sometime Ric. de Hodinges'

and that sometime Will. the Gardener's. Witnesses, Geoff. of Kent, Mayor, Gilb. the Avener, bailiff, John Martin, Ric. Leverich, John Foston, John (illegible), John of Thurmaston. [Seal fragmentary: at base within a niche a suppliant.]

BOX 10.

38. No. 131. [Dec. 6, 1350.] Grant from Juliana Alexander to her sons Rob. and Ric. of all her goods and chattels belonging to her chamber valued at £14, i.e. all her wooden vessels valued at 40*s*., all her malt valued at £12. Witnesses, Tho. Rayner, Ric. of Stonton, John Christiane, Tho. of Naseby, and Ric. of Bosworth. Dated at Harborough.

39. No. 132. [Aug. 15, 1352.] Release from Will. son of John Black of Leicester to Ralph Black of Leicester his brother of all his right in an orchard (pomerium) and four plots of land in the suburbs of Leicester; the orchard lies in the Cank, between the tenement of the abbot of Owston (Oselveston) and that sometime Ric. Leverich's; two plots lie in St Michael's parish, of which one lies on the town-ditch between the land of Will. the Dyester and that of John Messer[1], and the second between the said John's land and that of the Prior of Coventry; one plot lies in St Martin's parish, between the land of St Mary's church and the land sometime Ric. Bonyfaunt's; one plot lies in "Lachpolecrofts," between the land sometime John Breveytour's, and the road leading from the Bishop of Lincoln's manor to the water. Witnesses, Will. the Goldsmith, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Tho. of Loseby, Tho. of Beeby, Rog. Stoyle, John Dammeine, John of Peatling, Will. of Syston, Rob. the Porter, Will. of the Wainhouse, John Deacon.

40. No. 133. [Sep. 13, 1352.] Grant from Robert the Clerk of Leicester to Roger of Belgrave of Leicester and Elena his wife of half an acre of arable in the South Field of Leicester, between the land of the lord Duke of Lancaster and that of Ric. Norman, and abutting on the Raw dykes[2]. Witnesses, Will. Goldsmith, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Ric. Norman, Rog. of Knightcote, John of Peatling, Will. of Syston, Will. Winger, John Cook, Ric. Winger.

[Seal: white wax: a shield within an architectural border. The whole within a legend. 25 mm.]

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[1] Hayward.

[2] See No. 45, which adds "The Raw dykes beyond the road which leads men to Peatling."

41. No. 134. [Nov. 11, 1352.] Grant from Margaret of Leicester in her pure widowhood and liege power to Will. of Swannington of Leicester, carpenter, and Isabella his wife, of a piece of land in the North suburb, in Walkercrofts, between the land of Hen. the Dyester, John of Rolleston, Tho. of Wotton, and that sometime of Will. Baldwin, Ric. (illegible), and Will. of Swepston, and stretching from "Asselane[1]" to the common footpath. Witnesses, Will the Goldsmith, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, John of Tilton, John of Rolleston, John of Swepston, John Poutrell, Ric. the Goldsmith.

42. No. 135. [Dec. 4, 1352.] Grant from John at the Hall of Stretton to Henry Edmund of Leicester of a capital messuage and two tenements lying together with a piece of land which were sometime Will. the Cooper's of Leicester in the East suburb, i.e. in Humberstonegate; the capital messuage being situated between the tenement sometime Isabella de Martin's and that sometime the said William's; the two tenements lie together with the piece of land between the said capital messuage and the land sometime Hamo Hotoft's, stretching from the said street to the land sometime Tho. Ward of Stoughton's; also of a cottage and two pieces of land, the cottage lying in the said street between the cottages of Rob. Hose and of John Hose, stretching from the said street to the land of the Blessed Mary of the church of All Saints'[2]; one piece of land lies between the land of St Mary of the church aforesaid and the land sometime the said William's, stretching from the land of the aforesaid Isabella to the land sometime the said Tho. Ward's and Will. of Hallaton's; the other piece of land lies between Will. of Morton's tenement and the land of the said Will. of Hallaton and stretches in length from the land of St Mary of the church aforesaid which the said Henry holds to the earth wall (murum terreum) of the said Henry. Witnesses, Will. the Goldsmith, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, John Hayward, Roger of the Wainhouse, Will. of Syston, Will. of the Wainhouse, John of Knaptoft.

43. No. 136. [Same date.] Grant from the same to the same of three pieces of land, one lying between the land sometime Hamo Hotofte's and that sometime Tho. of Willoughby's, in Humberstonegate, and stretching from the King's highway to the land formerly Tho. Ward of Stoughton's and Will. of Hallaton's; the second lying between the land sometime Will. the Cooper's and the land of St Mary of the church of All Saints: the third lies between the land

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[1] See Ace Lane in I. 390.

[2] Belonging to the Gild of the Assumption of St Mary, see Introduction.

of Will. of Hallaton and that sometime Will. of Morton's, stretching from the land of St Mary of the aforesaid church to the land of the aforesaid Henry. [Same witnesses.]

44. No. 137[1]. [Dec. 12, 1352.] Grant from Alicia daughter of Robert Chevercourte of Wyfordby to Will. of Woodford of Brentingby of her manor of Wyfordby (Wyvardby) with the advowson of the church of the said vill with the homage and service of the abbey of Valledei and of the heirs of Robert Grauntsale of Freeby (Fretheby), with the homage and service of the tenants of the lands sometime John Amory's of Burton Lazar's, together with the homage and service of all her other lands belonging to the said manor, also of all the lands etc. which Juliana sometime wife of Rob. Chevercourte, her father, held in dower in Wyfordby, Burton Lazar's, Stapelford and Knossington, and one carucate in Belgrave which Matilda, sometime wife of Rob. of Gaddesby, and Tho. son of the said Robert, held for life, which will revert to her on the death of the said Matilda and Robert. Witnesses, Roger Bellers, knight, John Brabazon, knight, John of Woodford, Rob. Hauberk of Scalford, John Palmer of Melton, Rob. Poutrell of Wyfordby and John of Eastwell. Dated at Wyfordby.

45. No. 138. [May 16, 1353.] Grant from Tho. son of John Gounfrey of Leicester to Roger of Belgrave of Leicester and Elena his wife of half an acre (as in No. 40). Witnesses, Will. Goldsmith, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Ric. Norman, Rog. of Knightcote, John of Peatling, Ric. Winger, Tho. Winger, Rog. of Croxton, Will. of the Chamber, John of Coventry, chaplain, Will. Winger.

[Seal: white wax: circular: probably a stag's head with object between horns. The whole within a legend, size 18 mm.]

46. No. 142. [1356.] Half of a conveyance, illegible.

[Seal: red wax: circular: ? wheat-ears round a radiating point. Whole within a legend. 20 mm.]

47. No. 146. [July 28, 1360.] Grant from John Semer of Knighton to John the Receiver of Leicester, Will. Wareyn, Roger of Knightcote, John of Peatling, Tho. of Beeby, John Cook, of 8 shillings of rent, payable at the three usual terms, Michaelmas, Candlemas and Whitsuntide, issuing from the tenement of Rob. of Appleby, smith, at the West Gate of Leicester, set between the tenement of John the Porter of the Duke of Lancaster, sometime belonging to Sir Roger la Zouche, knight, on the East side, and the way of the Soar on the

[1] On paper.

West, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of the aforesaid John Receiver, which Phil. Dun holds. Witnesses, Will. of Dunstable, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Will. the Goldsmith, Ric. Herbert, John de Hodinges, Hugh of Braunston, Will. of Bocheston.

[Seal: see facsimile.]

48. No. 148. [Jan. 10, 1361.] Grant from John of Sleaford of Leicester and Matilda his wife to Ric. of Beeby, Rob. Porter, Master John Porter, Hen. Edmund, Hen. of Baddesley, Will of Glen, John of Stoughton, John Knapstoft, John Deacon, Hen. of Walton, Gilb. of Seagrave, and Rog. of Nottingham and their heirs of a piece of land in the parish of St Margaret Leicester lying between the land of St Mary's church and a common footpath, and abutting on the land of Rob. of Belgrave, carpenter, which sometime was John of Peatling's; it is 24 feet wide at one head, and 35 feet at the other, towards the Marsh Lane. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Rog. Malyn, Will. Bec, Will. of Wickham, Will. of Norton, John Bras.

[Endorsed: Gilda S. Marie et beatarum Margarete et Katerine[1]: de dono Johannis Sleford et Matilde uxoris eius 1 placea terre in marisco.]

[Seals: white wax: (1) oval: ? an agnus within legend: 18 × 15 mm. (2) oval: ? a ewer and other objects within legend, 20 × 15 mm.]

49. No. 162. [Mar. 15, 1361.] Release from Margaret, late the wife of Elias Bullock of Loughborough, in her pure widowhood and liege power to Will. Edelyn of Leicester, carpenter, and Isabella his wife, of all her right in a messuage in the North suburb of Leicester, set between the tenement of Sir John the Barker, chaplain, and the land sometime Simon Curlevache's, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of the said Simon, which messuage formerly belonged to Elias her husband. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, John of Tilton (Tirlington), John of Thrussington, Hen. of Walton, Rob. Poutrell, John of Glen.

[Fragment of seal: white wax: oval: with legend.]

50. No. 168. [June 20, 1361.] Grant from John of Coventry of Leicester to Roger of Belgrave of Leicester and Elena his wife of a messuage in the North suburb in St Margaret's parish, set between the tenement sometime Rob. of Rolleston's and that sometime Rob. Keling's, and stretching from the King's highway to Bukston lane, for life; rent 3*d.* to Sir John the Barker, chaplain, John of Peckleton, John of Stafford. Rob. Poutrell, David the Leadbeater and Henry the

[1] See Introduction.

Leadbeater, their heirs and assigns, for the use of St Mary of the church of All Saints. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, John of Tilton, John of Thrussington, John of Rolleston, Ric. the Goldsmith, John of Sleaford. [Seal: red wax: circular: indistinguishable object within legend: 20 mm.]

51. No. 169. [Aug. 5, 1361.] Grant from John Steyn of Leicester and Hawisia his wife to Tho. Fisher, Rob. of Belgrave, Walt. of Lindrick, Walt. of Ashby, Will. Leverich and John Groom of Leicester of a piece of land lying in the East suburb in Longcroft between their land and Ric. of Goadby's, and stretching from the common footpath there to another common footpath. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Rob. Porter, John Deacon, John Cardmaker[1], Rob. Malin, John of the Wold.

52. No. 170. [Aug. 6, 1361.] Letter of attorney from Will. Porter to John of Northborough, master of the Hospital of St John, to deliver seisin to Tho. Fisher of Leicester of a messuage in the East suburb, in Belgravegate.

[Seal: black wax: circular: 6-pointed fleuret within double triangle interlaced. Legend: ...LOSENN... 23 mm.]

53. No. 171. [Aug. 7, 1361.] Grant from Will. Porter to Tho. Fisher of a messuage (as above) between the tenement sometime Hen. of Baddesley's and that sometime Amicia of Queniborough's, and stretching from the King's highway to Longcroft. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Rob. Porter, Will. of Norton, John Deacon, Rog. Malin, John of the Wold. [Same seal imperfect.]

54. No. 172. [Aug. 31, 1361.] Letter of attorney from Tho. Fisher to Tho. of Houghton, chaplain, to deliver seisin to Sir Will. of Birstall, chaplain, and Rob. of Belgrave, of a messuage (as above).

55. No. 173. [Sep. 1, 1361.] Grant from Tho. Fisher to Sir Will. of Birstall, chaplain, and Rob. of Belgrave, skinner, brethren of the gild of St Michael of Leicester and their heirs and assigns, of a messuage (as above). Witnesses, John the Cook, Mayor, Tho. of the Grove, bailiff, Rob. Porter, Will. of Norton, John of the Wold.

Box 15.

56. No. 175. [Feb. 24, 1362.] Grant from Will. Gerin of Leicester and Agnes his wife to Phil. Dun of Leicester, baker, and Alicia his wife of a messuage in "le Hotegate," between the tenement

[1] Maker of wool-combs.

of Will. of Ashby, cutler, and that sometime John of Foston the mercer's, and stretching from the King's highway to the tenement sometime John de Hodinges', for fourteen years, for which a sum of money has been paid beforehand. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Phil. of Tynemouth, bailiff, Ric. of Knighton, Rog. of Kilby, Will. of Ashby, Will. of Rearsby, John his brother.

57. No. 178. [Feb. 28, 1362.] Grant from Amicia Rothley, late the wife of Ralph Black of Leicester, in her pure widowhood, to Henry Edmund, dyer, of Leicester and Maria his wife of all her messuages etc. in the town and suburbs of Leicester and of a dovecote (columbare) with a garden adjacent in the parish of St Margaret, i.e. between the land sometime Will. of Clipston's and the land of the hospital of St John, and stretching from Ploughmanlane to the land sometime Alan of Desford's and the land of Rob. Burgess. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, and Receiver of the Town of Leicester, Phil. of Tynemouth, bailiff, Will. Tabbe, Will. of Syston, Rob. Porter, Will. Bee, Will. of Ashby.

[Seal, white wax: circular: 2 figures within a legend. About 18 mm.]

58. No. 176. [March 6, 1362.] Release from Alicia widow of Will. the Porter of Leicester, daughter of Will. of Keyham, in her pure widowhood and liege power, to Will. of Birstall, chaplain, and Rob. of Belgrave, skinner, of her right in a third part of a messuage (as described in No. 53) which belongs to her in dowry after the death of the said Will. Porter. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Phil. of Tynemouth, bailiff, Rog. of Croxton, Hen. of Brackley, Rob. the Clerk, Tho. of Welham, Will. Gerin.

59. No. 177. [June 19, 1362.] Grant from John Rider of Leicester, mason, to Ric. of Belgrave of Leicester of 3 acres of arable lying in the South Field of Leicester, of which three half acres lie together between two balks next the land of the new Hospital of Leicester on one side and a *cultura*[1] which is called Knightcotewong on the other; one half acre lies on "Langelondes" next the land of the new Hospital[2] and the land sometime Hen. of Barkby's; one half acre lies in "le Bothom" next a balk on the one side and the land sometime Will. of Wakefield's on the other; and one half acre lies in the Middle furlong between a balk and the land sometime Agnes Gounfrey's. Witnesses, John Cook, Mayor, Walter Lyndrick, John

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[1] cultura = wong = furlong = shot, see Maitland, *Domesday Book and Beyond*, p. 380.

[2] Newark hospital.

Norman, John of Stupton, Ric. of Kibworth of Leicester, smith, Will. Wynger, Rog. of Croxton. [Seal: red wax: circular: ? animal's head between two wheat-ears. Within beaded lines a legend AL... L. Size 20 mm.]

60. No. 182. [Nov. 16,[1] 1367.] Grant from John Tirlington of Leicester to Johanna Agard of Oadby of two pieces of land in Leicester, the one lies between the Soar and the land sometime Will. Wainhouse's and the other lies between the land of John of Barrow, master of St Leonard's and that of Will. Swepston. Witnesses, John of Stafford, Mayor, Rob. Poutrell, John of Thrussington, Will. of Weston, Ric. Roper.

61. No. 183. [Mar. 19, 1368.] Grant from Will. of Syston and Walter of Lindrick of Leicester to Roger of Belgrave of Leicester of a messuage set in the parish of St Martin, in the high street at the corner of the lane leading to the church of the Friars Minors on the one side, and the tenement of John of Thurmaston, walker, on the other, and stretching from the high street to the garden of the said Friars Minors. Witnesses, John of Stafford, Mayor, John Coke, bailiff, Tho. of Beeby, Will. of Burton, Ric. of Knighton, Will. Green, Will. of Humberstone, cutler. [Two seals: black wax:

(1) circular: within a border of 4 cusps, a W. surmounted by a cross between a Catherine wheel and ? a crosier surrounded by a legend "SIGILL... WILLELMI DE SITHESTON."

(2) circular. On a shield upon a decorative ground charged with a cross between ? 2 cinquefoils. The whole within a legend. 20 mm.]

62. No. 184, 185. [Mar. 8, 1369.] Indenture between Tho. of Stones (? Stonesby) of Leicester and John Backesscholf and Master John of Stoney of Leicester whereby Tho. of Stones enfeoffs them of four pieces of land lying in the town and suburbs of Leicester and two shillings of annual rent issuing from a tenement in St Nicholas' parish, as is contained in the charter of enfeoffment. The grantor or his heirs may re-enter when they will. Witnesses, Tho. of Beeby, Mayor, John Cook, bailiff, John of Stafford, John of Peterborough, Hen. the Lead-beater. [Seals: No. 184: red wax. The letter I on a heart, within 3 raised circles, very imperfect. 12 mm. No. 185, circular: an agnus within legend ...US... About 20 mm.]

63. No. 186. [July 20, 1369.] Counterpart lease from Roger of Beeby of Leicester, Tho. of Nosely, Hen. Leadbeater, Rob. Poutrell,

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[1] Dated Tuesday the feast of St Edmund *40* Ed. III., a mistake for 41 Ed. III., when Stafford was Mayor and when the feast fell on a Tuesday.

and Ric. of Arnesby, to John Freman of Leicester of a piece of land lying outside the North Gate in All Saints' parish, between the tenement of the said Roger Beeby and that of Will. Edlyn, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of Tho. Gounfrey; rent 2*s.* (distraining clause). Witnesses, Tho. of Beeby, Mayor, John Coke, bailiff, Hen. of Walton, John of Glen, Will. of Swepston, Hugh of Swepston, John the Draper of the same.

64. No. 187.[1] [Ap. 11, 1370.] Grant from Alex. Chace, vicar of St Margaret's, and John of Stoughton, chaplain, to Amicia daughter of Henry Dyer of Leicester of a messuage with a garden in the North suburb, set between the tenement of the Abbey of Leicester and that of Will. of Swepston and stretching from the King's highway to the common footpath, and also of four pieces of land in the same suburb, of which one lies on the North side of the said garden and next the common footpath, and stretches from Will. of Swepston's land to the common footpath; and one piece lies on the South side of the said garden and next the land sometime Will. the Goldsmith's, and stretches from the land of Leicester Abbey to the common footpath; and one lies between the land sometime Will. the Goldsmith's and the common footpath, and stretches from the lane called Walker lane to the common footpath. Witnesses, John Coke, Mayor and bailiff, John of Stafford, Hen. of Walton, John of Glen, Rob. Poutrell. [Portion of seal in black wax: kneeling figure before a standing draped figure. About 22 mm. by 18 mm. Very imperfect.]

65. No. 189. [Jan. 20, 1371.[2]] Grant from John of Barrow, rector of the church of Stamford, to John Coke and Margaret his wife of a piece of land called The Pingle in St Margaret's parish, on the Soar, which he held of the gift of John his father. Witnesses, Ric. Adam of Stamford, Godfrey of the same, Will. Avenaunt of the same. Given at Stamford.

[Seal, white wax: circular: Virgin crowned standing under a canopy: kneeling figure to the right: within legend. 21 mm.]

66. No. 190. [Same date.] Letter of attorney from John of Barrow to John of Derby, chaplain, to deliver seisin of the same. [? Same seal: fragmentary.]

67. No. 192. [June 15, 1373.] General release from Will. of Syston to Will. of Morton of all actions etc. Witnesses, Will. Grene, Mayor, John Cook, bailiff, Hen. of Clipston, Will. Dyvet, and John of Fleckney.

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[1] Much defaced.

[2] Called *Tuesday* the feast of St Fabian and St Sebastian, 45 Ed. III., ? for Monday.

68. No. 193. [July 25, 1373.] Grant from Hugh of Braunston of Leicester, shearman, and Roger Currier, to Joan daughter of John of Thurmaston of Leicester, walker, of a croft in the parish of St Nicholas, lying in the lane leading to the Friars Preachers between the tenement sometime Peter of Mountsorrel's and that sometime John Deacon's and stretching from the said lane to the land of Simon of "Scherford." Witnesses, Will. o' the Green, Mayor, John Cook, bailiff, Will. of Thornton, Phil. Dun, Lambert Fleshhewer, Tho. Currier, Tho. Gounfrey. [Seal: white wax: circular: an animal's head between 2 slips surmounted by 3 buds, within legend ⁎S. THOM...P...NC...]

[Endorsed: Carta de cotagiis in Frerelane.]

69. No. 195. [June 9, 1375.] Grant from Will. of Sileby, Will. Michel, chaplains, Hen. of Walton and Ric. of Arnesby of Leicester to Sir Hugh of Ashfordby and Sir John Hurley, chaplains, John of Stafford, John of Thurmaston, Rob. of Anstey and John Chapman of Leicester, of 3*s.* 4*d.* of rent issuing from a tenement outside the North Gate of Leicester, set between the messuage of the Master of St Leonard's Hospital and that of St Mary of the church of St Leonard, and stretching from the King's highway to the land sometime Hen. of Bosworth's, and the water which is called the Soar. (Distraining clause.) Witnesses, Hen. of Peatling, Mayor, John Cook, bailiff, Rob. Poutrell, John of Lubbenham, Tho. of Walton.

[Four seals of black wax:

(1) circular: double triangle interlaced within a circular scroll. 16 mm.

(2) circular: an equestrian figure within legend ...DE... 20 mm.

(3) circular: figure of an ecclesiastic between 2 slipped flowers. Legend ⁎S. RICARDI DE..NEBI. 25 mm.

(4) circular: a shield with charge indistinguishable within a legend ⁎S. RICARDI DE..NISBU.]

70. No. 197. [June 24, 1376.] Release from Peter son of Henry Dexter to Henry son of Walter Clerk of Gaddesby and Amicia his wife, of all his claim in all the lands etc. which used to belong to John Burgess of Leicester in the town and suburb of Leicester, and also of the reversion of the lands etc. which they will inherit after the death of Amicia of Rothley of Leicester their kinswoman. Witnesses, Will. of Loseby of Gaddesby, Will. Randolf of the same, Tho. son of John of the same, John Fode of Leicester, John of Knaptoft of the same, Nic. of Isley (Yle) of the same.

[Seal: white wax: circular: on a shield a cross. Whole within an ornamental quatrefoil and inscription, very imperfect. 22 mm.]

71. No. 198. [Sep. 24, 1376.] Grant from Alex. Chace, vicar of St Margaret's, John of Stoughton and Will. Sixandtwenty, chaplains, and Will. Bee of Leicester, to John Bonyfaunt of Leicester, chapman, of two pieces of land in the parish of St Margaret, of which one piece lies between John Launder's land on the West side and the common footpath on the East side and extends from the lane called Walker-lane to another common footpath, and the other piece lies between Will. Edlyn's land on the one side and the land of Alicia late the wife of Will. Goldsmith and the land of Will. of Swepston on the other and stretches from the said common footpath to Will. Swepston's land. Witnesses, Will. Ferrour, Mayor, Ric. of Knighton and Will. of Thornton, bailiffs, Rob. of Anstey, Ric. of Hallaton, Will. of Birstall, John Cooper.

[Four seals of white wax:

(1) circular: heraldic: indecipherable. 15 mm.

(2) circular: heraldic, charge indecipherable; within a cusped field, surrounded by the legend between beaded lines. 19 mm.

(3) circular: upon a shield a fesse. Within a legend. 18 mm.

(4) oval: very imperfect. 32 × 22 mm.]

72. No. 199. [Jan. 26, 1377.] Grant from Joan Noryce of Oadby in her pure and lawful widowhood, to John Turner, John Launder, Tho. of Melton, Will. Smith of Leicester, of two tofts lying outside the North Gate in St Margaret's parish, of which one lies between the tenement of the Master of St Leonard's hospital and Will. of Swepston's, and the second lies between the aforesaid tenement of the Master of St Leonard's hospital and the Soar and abuts on the common balk, i.e. the Pingle. Witnesses, Will. Taylard, Mayor, Will. Humberston and Will. Lubbesthorpe, bailiffs, John Stafford, John Cowper, John Bonefaunte. [Seal of undyed wax, an R between 2 wheat-ears, within a circle. 17 mm.]

73. No. 201. [July 10, 1377.] Grant from Alicia Goldsmith in her pure widowhood to Sir Hugh of Ashfordby of a messuage lying in the weekly market (in foro hebdomadali) between the messuage sometime Gilbert the Avener's and that sometime John Sabyn's, and after the death of Hugh to Roger of Frisby and Agnes his wife. Witnesses, Will. Taylart, Mayor, Will. of Humberstone, Will. of Lubbesthorpe, bailiffs, Will. of Rearsby, corviser, Will. of Birstall, corviser.

[Seal: see No. 18, (1).]

74. No. 202. [Nov. 18, 1378.] Grant from Sir John Norris, chaplain, to Will. Ferrour of two pieces of land lying in the suburbs

outside the North Gate, of which one piece lies between the Soar and the land of Will. Wainhouse and the other between the land of the Master of St Leonard's Hospital and Will. of Swepston's[1]. Witnesses, Ric. Gamston, Ralph Fisher, bailiffs, Hen. of Walton, Rob. Poutrell, John Lubbenham, Tho. of Walton, Will. Smith.

[Seal, red wax: circular: ? a ship, within legend. 21 mm.]

75. No. 202. [Nov. 18, 1378.] Grant from Sir John Norris, chaplain, to Will. Ferrour of two pieces of land outside the North Gate, of which one lies between the Soar and the land of Will. Wainhouse and the other between the land of the Master of St Leonard's Hospital and Will. Swepston's[2]. Witnesses, Ric. Gamston, Ralph Fisher, bailiffs, Hen. of Walton, Rob. Poutrell, John Lubbenham, Tho. of Walton, Will. Smith.

[Seal fragmentary.]

76. V. B. No. 96. [Jan. 7, 1379.] Release from Thomas son of John of Wymeswold to Rob. Swillington of his rights in the land described below.

77. V. B. No. 95. [Jan. 20, 1379.] Release (in French) from Thomas of Queniborough of Wymeswold to Sir Robert of Swillington "the uncle" and to his heirs of his rights in the lands etc. which formerly belonged to Will. Buxhum or to Roger Preston in the town of Hickling in the county of Nottingham.

78. Box 15, No. 205*. [July 4, 1379.] Official copy of the seventeenth century of the licence to the abbot and convent of Leicester to alienate the advowson of Hathern to the church of St Mary de Castro. See *Cal. Rot. Pat.* p. 371.

79. Box 15, No. 210. [Dec. 5, 1379.] Grant from John of Tilton, Rob. of Rolleston, Tho. Poutrell, and John of Peckleton to Ric. of Braunston, Adam of the Shop, Will. Turner, Will. of Morton, John Hoby and John Currier of two shillings, two hens and a cock, of rent from a piece of land sometime Alice of Swepston's, lying between the capital messuage sometime the said Richard's and a piece of land of the Lord Abbot of Leicester, stretching from the King's highway to the land of Rob. Burgess. Witnesses, Hen. of Clipston, Mayor, Ric. of Gamston (Gamelston), Ralph Fisher, bailiffs, John Chapman, Will. of Knighton, John Makesay.

[Four seals: white wax:

(1) circular: a stag, in background a tree? Whole within ornamental border. 20 mm.

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[1] Cf. No. 72 above.

[2] See No. 72.

(2) copy of (1) above.

(3) another copy of 73.

(4) circular: a bird on a branch, within legend. 15 mm.]

80. Box 15, No. 211. [June 11, 1380.] Indenture between Roger of Belgrave and Hen. of Clipston[1], Will. Humberstone, Andrew Glasier, Tho. Chapman, Ric. Martin, Ric. of Braunston, John Fleckney by which he grants them 4*s.* 6*d.* of rent from a messuage at the corner of the lane which goes to the Friars Minors, the said lane lying on its North side, and John of Thurmaston's tenement on the South. (Distraining clause.) Witnesses, Will. of Burgh, Steward of Leicester, John Norman and Ric. Martin, bailiffs, Will. of Syston, John of Peterborough, John Chapman, John of Stafford, Ric. of Gamston.

[Seven seals: red wax:

(1) crowned head on an oval ground. 15 mm.

(2) bust in profile to the right within an octagonal frame containing the inscription [SIGILLUM SECR]ETI MEI. 12 × 15·5 mm.

(3) crowned W within a circle. 15 mm.

(4) qu. I between two wheat-ears. Within a circle. 13 mm.

(5) griffin segreant. Legend with two circles. 21 mm.

(6) a merchant's mark: oval: on a plain pointed shield a cross, in the first quarter O, in the second R. 19 × 16 mm.

(7) on a pointed shield a chevron between three garbs? Legend between two circles "SIGILL. JOHIS. DE..TON." Field covered with interlacing network. 25 mm.]

81. V. B. No. 97. [Sep. 6, 1380.] Note that Nic. de Verdon son and heir of John de Verdon of Draycote on Dunsmore, knight, before Hen. of Clipston, Mayor, and other good men of the town, released to Sir Rob. of Swillington, knight, his right in a moiety of Ibstock manor.

82. Box 12, No. 212. [Mar. 27, 1384.] Grant from Rog. of Frisby and Agnes his wife to Will. of Chiseldon and Peter of Stoughton, clerks, of a messuage with five shops adjacent in the weekly market (as in No. 73). Witnesses, Will. Tailard, Andrew Glasier, John of Peterborough, Ric. of Knighton.

[Two seals: red wax:

(1) an R between two wheat-ears within border. 20 mm.

(2) an A with three wheat-ears in border. 18 mm.]

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[1] Then Mayor.

83. Box 12, No. 213. [Jan. 6, 1385.] Grant from Will. Edelyn, carpenter, to Will. of Brailesford and Will. Gegge of a messuage in the North suburb in the North Gate on the East side, between the messuage late John Barker's the chaplain on the West and John of Thrussington's on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the land late Simon Curlevache's. Witnesses, Will. Ferour, Mayor, John Peterborough, John Fleckney, bailiffs, John of Stafford, Henry of Gaddesby, John of Thrussington.

[Seal: a W and four wheat-ears, in a circular border. 18 mm.]

84. Box 12, No. 214. [Jan. 10, 1385.] Grant from Will. of Brailesford and Will. George to Agnes wife of Will. Edelyn and Will. her son of the messuage (as in 83). Witnesses, Will. Ferrour, Mayor, John Peterborough, John Fleckney, bailiffs, John Chapman, Rob. Poutrell, Will. Smith.

[Two seals: red wax:

(1) oval: a W surmounted by a scroll. 20 × 13·25 mm.

(2) oval: an H surmounted by a scroll. 18 × 15 mm.]

85. Box 12, No. 215. [Feb. 9, 1385.] Grant from Will. Edelyn, carpenter, to Will. Spenser, brasier, of a piece of land in the North suburb in Walkercrofts, between the land late Henry Dexter's, John of Rolleston's and Tho. of Wotton's, and the land late Will. Baldwin's and the land of Will. of Swepston, and stretching from Ashlane to the common footpath. Witnesses, Will. Ferrour, Mayor, John Peterborough, John Fleckney, bailiffs, John of Stafford, Will. Smith, Rob. Poutrell, Will. Ashfordby.

86. V. B. No. 65. [Ap. 19, 1385.] Grant from John Norman Jurat to Sir Rob. of Swillington, knight, Will. of Chiseldon, Sim. Bache, Rob. Grethede and Rob. Boney, clerks, of a messuage set on the "Gunne dyke" in the parish of St Mary's by the Castle, between the close of the college of the said church and the old lane, which once lay between the messuage and the land late belonging to Rob. of Holland, knight, and stretching from Gunnedyke to the tenement sometime Roger Fisher's which John Dalam now holds, which messuage he held of the feoffment of Walter of Milverton, sometime vicar of the said church and John Outheby of Arnesby, chaplain. Witnesses, Will. Ferrour, Mayor, John of Peterborough and John Fleckney, bailiffs, Ric. of Gamston, John of "Stupton," John Dalam, Will. Draycote.

87. Box 12, No. 216. [May 1, 1391.][1] Grant from Alex Chace,

[1] 14 Ric. II. ? for 15 Ric. II., when Geoff. Clerk was Mayor.

vicar of St Margaret's, and Will. Sixandtwenty, chaplain, and John Knaptoft to Sir Will. of Syston, chaplain, and John Fleckney, of two tenements set together in the East suburb in Belgravegate between Ric. Knighton's on the East and that late Sir John of Aylestone chaplain's on the West, and stretching from the King's highway to Barkby Lane. Witnesses, Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Nic. of Isley, Hen. Smith, Roger Fletcher, Hen. Cantrell, Rob. Norton.

[Three seals: red wax:

(1) two standing draped figures beneath canopy, with legend at base. Beneath, under an arch, a bust to right. Above, qu.? Legend between beaded lines PER VOS SPE...

(2) within a double triangle interlaced a fleur-de-lys; legend between circles ⁎NLIHI⁎ RAGI. 22 mm.

(3) circular: on a shield a fesse with ? other charges. Legend: S. HUON : DE : WALLIS.]

88. Box 12, No. 222. [Aug. 1, 1392.] Grant from Tho. Thornton Master of St Leonard's Hospital and the co-brethren of the same to Will. Chiseldon Dean of the New College of Leicester, Hen. Gaddesby and Ric. Barowe of Leicester of a piece of land enclosed by a ditch (circumfossatum) called "le Pyngull," lying without the North Gate of Leicester, to wit, next the water called the Soar. Witnesses, Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Will. Ashfordby, Ric. Glen, Ric. Walton, Ric. Arnsby, Thos. Hose, Rob. Poutrell, John Lawnder.

89. Box 12, No. 223. [Aug. 2, 1392.] Grant from John Cook to Will. Mercer and Will. Spenser of 8*s.* of rent from a tenement late Rob. Appleby the farrier's near the West Gate. Witnesses, Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Tho. Wakefield, John Colchester, Ric. Martin. [Seal a merchant's mark, see facsimile.]

90. Box 12, No. 225. [Aug. 26, 1392.] Release from Ric. Knighton, Ric. Martin, Ric. Gamston, Ric. Thringstone, Hen. Bebyman, Will. Knighton, Rob. Anstey, Will. Morton, Will. Dyvet, Tho. of Walton to Will. Spencer and Will. Mercer of their right in a messuage which they had of the feoffment of Tho. of Beeby. Witnesses, Geoff. Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Ric. Braunston, Ralph Fisher, Ric. Graunge.

[Ten seals: red wax:

(1) circular: a stag's head with cross between antlers, surrounded by 6 quatrefoil slips. The whole within a legend between beaded lines ⁎S: IVIG...ORD. 22 mm.

(2) oval: a figure kneeling to the left before a bishop standing

with crosier in left hand, right hand raised: between them a growing flower; star above kneeling figure. Whole within a legend. 23 × 19 mm.

(3) circular: a crowned G within a rope border. 12 mm.

(4) oval: IHC on a shield: a cross above within 2 pennants. Whole within octagonal beaded line. 13 × 10 mm.

(5) circular: an S surrounded by dots all within a circle. 12 mm.

(6) as (2). Legend ...DEST....

(7) as (3).

(8) letters H. K crowned within a rope circle. 13 mm.

(9) illegible device within a cusped compartment surrounded by legend. ?oval. 18 mm.

(10) circular: on a shield surmounted by a cross with 2 pennants (resembling (4)) the letters a, o and ?, within a cusped compartment extended at the top: with legend SIG...COY. 20 mm.]

91. Box 12, No. 227. [Sep. 15, 1392.] Grant from John Cosyn, chaplain, Tho. of Melton, John Launder and Will. Smith to John Bonyfaunt of two tofts lying outside the North Gate in St Margaret's parish, of which one lies between the land of the Master of the Hospital of St Leonard and that of Will. Swepston, and the other toft lies between the land of the said Master and the Soar, and abuts on the common balk, to wit, the Pyngul. Witnesses, Geoff. Okeham, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, John Chapman, John of Stafford, Will. Spenser, Thos. of Walton.

[Four seals: red wax:

(1) an M surmounted by a crown: circular: surrounded by a line. 14 mm.

(2) octagonal: a T and 3 wheat-ears, within an octagonal line. 15 mm.

(3) circular: heraldic: a shield within legend. All indecipherable.

(4) circular: a stag's head, with cross between antlers, surrounded by a line and legend ⁎S...DI...TEH A....]

92. Box 12, No. 229. [Sep. 26, 1392.] Grant from John Glen, John Stafford and Henry Leadbeater to Henry Gaddesby of 2*s.* of annual rent issuing from a capital messuage late John Liddington and Henry Dexter's, in the East suburb, i.e. in "Galughtregate" between the tenement late John Fode and Ric. Lemman's, and also of a piece of land in Longcrofts near Humberstonegate between the land sometime Amicia Rothley's and John Birstall's, and abutting at one head on the said Amicia's land. (Distraining clause.) Witnesses, Geoff.

Clerk, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, John Noryesoun, John Kirkby, Hen. Knaptoft, Will. Ashfordby, Ric. Glen, Ric. Barrow.

[Three seals:

(1) circular. An "agnus dei" to right, within a line. 18 mm.

(2) oval: a W surmounted by scroll work. Within a line. 15 × 12 mm.

(3) circular: an H between wheat-ears. Within line. 15 mm.]

93. Box 8, No. 187[1]. [Feb. 3, 1393.] Fine made in Portmanmoot before Ric. of Gamston, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, and other Jurats, between John Cambridge, plaintiff, and John Babgrave of Rothley and Juliana his wife, deforciants, of two shops lying together in the high street between Ric. of Knighton's shop on the South and Will. Danet's tenement on the North, and stretching from the said high street to the tenement of Will. Danet, which shops the said John and Juliana acknowledge to be the right of the said John Cambridge.

94. Box 12, No. 231. [Jan. 26(?)[2], 1394.] Fine made in Portmanmoot before Tho. [Wakefield[3]], Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, and other Jurats between Rog. — of Leicester, glover, and Katharine his wife, plaintiffs, and Will. Andrew of Leicester, spicer, and Alice his wife, deforciants, of two tenements in the high street in the parish of St Peter between Roger Belgrave's tenement on the South and that late Simon of Sherford's on the North and stretching from the King's highway to the land late Simon of Sherford's; and also of a garden at Torchmere lying between the garden of Tho. At the Hall and that of the said Will. Andrew on the East and Roger Locke's on the West and stretching from the garden of Simon [of Sherford (?)] to Will. Turner's, which tenements the said Will. and Alice acknowledge to be the right of the said Roger and Katharine, as tenements which the said Roger and Katharine have of the gift of the said Will. and Alice.

95. Box 12, No. 233. [Apr. 25, 1397.] Release from Will. Tue of Welton to Hen. Gaddesby of Leicester of all his right in 12*d.* of rent issuing from a messuage some time Nic. Burgess's of Leicester beyond the North Gate. Witnesses, John Houghton, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Rog. Rider, John Rider, Tho. Walton, Ric. Arnesby, Nic. Cowley.

[Seal: octagonal: animal couchant, to left; surmounted by qu. an inscription on scroll: all within a roped line. 13 × 11 mm.]

96. Box 12, No. 234. [July 8, 1397.] Release from Rob. Huntingdon of Great Catworth to Will. Deacon (Dekene), Ric.

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[1] Folded in with the Portmanmoot Rolls.

[2] Date torn. [3] Torn.

Kirkedowe, chaplains, and Rog. Humberston of Leicester of all his right in a messuage in Leicester lying between Will. Danet's tenement on the West and John le Hunte's on the North, and stretching from the high street to Will. Mercer's land, which tenement he held of the gift and feoffment of Simon Leverich and Thomas Pachet of Ratcliffe.

[Fragment of seal.]

97. Box 12, No. 236. [June 24, 1398.] Fine made in Portmoot before Ralph Fisher, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, and other Jurats between Will. Haywode dyester of Leicester, plaintiff, and Will. Rearsby and Alice his wife, deforciants, of a messuage in Belgravegate between Hen. Gaddesby's tenement on the East and John Porter's on the West and stretching from the King's highway to Nic. Isley's land, which messuage the said deforciants acknowledge to be the plaintiff's as of the gift and feoffment of the deforciants.

98. Box 12, No. 238. [Jan. 16, 1399.] Grant from John Cook to Hen. Gaddesby of a piece of land called "le Pyngull" outside the North Gate of Leicester to wit, next the Soar with the hedges and ditches surrounding the enclosure (cum sepibus et fossatis circumjacentibus clausuram). Witnesses, Roger Humberston, Mayor of Leicester, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Will. Spenser, John Poutrell, Will. Currier, John Cooper, Geoff. Measham.

[Seal as 89.]

99. Box 12, No. 239. [Same date.] Another copy of the same. Above John Cook's name "Hulkok" is written. Below is added a release from John Hulkok of Barrow, imperfect.

100. Box 12, No. 241. [Feb. 2, 1399.] Release from John Cook to Henry Gaddesby of his right in the Pingle (as in 98.) Witnesses, Roger Humberston, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Rob. Anstey, Hen. Gery, John Launder, John Ashfordby.

[Seal as 89.]

Box D.

101. No. 244. [Nov. 19, 1400.] Release from John Houghton of Leicester and John Birstall to Hen. Gaddesby of their claim in a piece of land with three ditches lying in "Crofts" outside the North Gate between the ditch of the "Pyngull" of the aforesaid Henry and land of John Swepston, and stretching in width from the land of John Bonyfant to the common footpath which leads to the Soar; with a piece of land called the Halfmark lying between the said footpath and the land of John Swepston and stretching in length 42 feet, in width 9 feet. In return Hen. Gaddesby has released a piece of land

in "Bokstonelane" outside the North Gate. Witnesses, John Loveday, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Will. Ashfordby, John Cooper, John Poutrell, Rob. Ellestowe.

[Seals: red wax:

(1) octagonal: on a shield surmounted by a cross, ? a merchant's mark, letter H in base, surrounded by a line. 14 × 12 mm.

(2) a fragment: attached to this a fragment of a third seal, an H.]

102. No. 245. [Dec. 20, 1400.] Grant from Will. Glover to John of Morton Vicar of St Leonard's, Rob. Wright of the Abbey, Clement Mason, and Tho. Bakewell, clerk, of a tenement in St Leonard's parish, between that of John London and the North Bridge, and stretching from John London's to the water called Soar. Witnesses, John Loveday, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Will. Pantere, John Wenlock, Tho. Glover. [Seal: an R.]

103. No. 246. [4 Sep. 1401.] Grant from Rob. Oxton, chaplain, and Will. Draycote to Ric. Falkoner and Alice his wife of a messuage in St Martin's parish, in the high street, between the tenement late of John son of Henry of Peatling and that of John Leverich and stretching from the King's highway to the land late of Matilda daughter of Nic. the Mercer. Witnesses, John Loveday, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Peter of Barwell, Rog. Humberstone, John Church, Rad. of Humberstone, Rob. of Evington. [Two seals: RB and W.]

104. No. 247. [June 13, 1402.] Grant from John Morton, Vicar of St Leonard's, Rob. Wright, Clem. Mason, Tho. Bakewell, clerk, to Roger Cupper, Rog. Barber, and John Hayward of a tenement (as in 103.) Witnesses, Peter Barewell, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Tho. Glover, John Tailor, Rog. Pannere.

[Seals: red wax:

(1) stag with tree behind as 79 (1).

(2) circular: heraldic: shield indecipherable within legend.]

105. No. 248. [10 Sep. 1402.] Grant and release from Ric. Hallaton lately dwelling in Leicester to Henry of Gaddesby of all claims for the next 20 years in the town and fields of Gaddesby, Newbold, Barsby and South Croxton.

106. No. 249. [22 Jan. 1403.] Grant from Tho. Dowson of Leicester, dyester, to Hen. Gaddesby, Rog. Porter, John Walter, and Tho. Gaddesby of a piece of land lying outside the North Gate in the Northcrofts between John Bonyfant's and Hen. Gaddesby's to the West, and Will. Spencer's to the East, and in length from the common footpath and land of Hen. Gaddesby to that of Will. Spencer and

John Bonyfant. Witnesses, John London, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, John Cook, Ric. Gamston, John Cooper, junior.

107. No. 250. [Feb. 3, 1403.] Fine made before Will. Thirnyng, Will. Rikhill, John Markham, Will. Hankeford and Will. Brenchesle, Justices[1], between Will. Deken, chaplain, and John Weston, chaplain, complainants, and Tho. Mordoc and Alice his wife, deforciants, concerning a messuage and half an acre of land in Leicester. For 10 marks of silver.

108. No. 251. [Feb. 27, 1403.] Grant from Geoffrey Poutrell of Ratcliffe, Rob. Anstey and John Horton, of Leicester, chaplain, to Tho. Debonair of Leicester, saddler, and Agnes his wife, of a messuage and two cottages lying together in the East suburb between Roger Humberstone's tenement and that of the Gild of St Margaret, and stretching from the King's highway to Barkbylane, and the two cottages lying in the Deadlane between the tenement of Robert Ulf of Oadby and John Cooper's and stretching from the said street to the land late Roger Belgrave's, which messuage and cottages are of the feoffment of John Virly. Witnesses, John London, Mayor, Will. Bispham, bailiff, Roger Humberstone, John Church, John Loveday, Roger of Norton, John Birstall.

[Three black seals:

(1) octagonal: a fleur-de-lys on circular disc. 13 × 11 mm.

(2) ? a griffin segreant within legend. 20 mm.

(3) circular: an agnus to right, surrounded by legend ECCE AGNUS DEI. 18 mm.]

109. No. 256. [24 Nov. 1408.] Grant from John Loveday and Agnes his wife to John Church, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Lay of Burton Overy (Noverey), Tho. "Noverey," Will. Deken, chaplain, of all their lands in the Leicester Fields, and all their goods and chattels. Witnesses, Tho. Seburgh and Tho. Whetacre, bailiffs, Tho. Wakefield, Tho. Waldegrave, Will. Freman, Rob. Evington.

[Two red seals: (1) a W on a lined ground, within circle. 15 mm.

(2) oblong: qu. a mullet within a rope border? 10 × 8 mm.]

110. No. 257. [Nov. 10, 1409.] Grant from Tho. Isle to Hen. Gaddesby of a piece of land outside the North Gate in the croft near the Soar between John Bonyfaunt's and Will. Spenser's land, and stretching in length from the footpath which leads to the Soar under the garden of the said John to the land of the said John Bonyfaunt. Witnesses, Tho. o' the Leas (de Leyghes), Mayor, John Copyn, bailiff, John Poutrell, senior and junior, Rad. Elyman, Will. Langham, corviser, Hen. Walter, John Webster.

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[1] Of the Common Pleas.

[Black seal: octagonal, on a shield surmounted by crown divided by a bendlet between the letters YT: all within a roped border. 13 × 11 mm.]

111. No. 258. [28 May 1413.] Letter of attorney from John Swepston to Hen. Walter to deliver seisin to Tho. Lyes and John of Leicester of a messuage in Leicester.

[Red seal: W. R.]

112. No. 260. [15 March 1414.] Grant from Lucy Palmer, daughter and heir of Robert Palmer, in her pure widowhood to Will. of Almondbury (Almanbery), Tho. Charity and John Swalwell, clerks, of a toft and a virgate, and 8*s*. and 3 hens of rent in Owsthorpe (Olesthorp) from a toft and a virgate belonging to Margaret late the wife of Rob. Seer and Thomas Seer their son, who hold for life. Witnesses, Rob. Evington, Mayor, John Church, Hen. Foster, bailiff, John Howet, Rad. Humberstone, Will. Pratte of Nether Claybrooke, John son of Roger of Owsthorpe, John Kynne, John Fowler.

113. No. 262. [July 9, 1415.] Grant from John Church, Tho. Olyes[1], Will. Dekyn, chaplain, to John Arnesby, John Nightingale, and Will. Morice of two cottages lying together in the North suburb set between the tenement of the Abbot of Leicester on the South and that of Will. Spenser on the North, and stretching from the highway to the path called the Abbotsbalk. Witnesses, Rad. Humberstone, Mayor, Hen. Foster, bailiff, Rob. Evington, John Loveday, John Loughborough, Tho. Waldegrave, Hen. Gaddesby, John Ashfordby, Rob. of Barrow of Leicester.

[Three red seals: (1) on a shield between two fesse lines ? D. O. Over all a bandlet sinister. All within dotted line. 12 × 10 mm.

(2) a hart courant, surmounted by a legend. 15 × 12 mm.

(3) octagonal seal, T. L. within a rope border.]

114. No. 263. [3 Feb. 1416.] Counterpart feoffment by Tho. Kibworth, Vicar of St Peter's Leicester, Tho. Whytacre and Andrew Porter of John Wrehale of a messuage lying outside the South Gate between the tenement late of Amicia Winger of Knighton and that late Agnes Gounfrey's, now of the Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church of the Blessed Mary of Leicester, and stretching from the highway towards the West as far as the land late Will. of Sutton's, on the East, which messuage is of the grant of John Norman, son and heir of Ric. Norman, draper. The feoffment for life, with reversion on his death to Tho. Navenby of Leicester, smith, and Agnes his wife. Witnesses, Tho. Seburgh, Mayor, Hen. Foster, bailiff, Rob. Randolf, Joh. Grys, Geo. Birstall, Rob. Palmer, walker, Tho. Halleford.

[1] Of the leas. See "de Leyghes," in 110.

115. No. 264. [May 31, 1417.] Grant from John Bonyfaunt, draper, to Will. Nobull "belle3ettere" of two plots of land in the North suburb in Walkercrofts, of which one lies between the land late Will. of Wakefield's and that of Will. of Maltby, and the other between Will. of Maltby's and Ric. Beeby's, and they stretch from the way which leads to the Soar to the lane which is called Walkergate, the plots being of the feoffment of John Launder, corviser. Witnesses, John Arnesby, Mayor, Hen. Forster, bailiff, Hen. Walter, Tho. Lovet, John Powtrell, Tho. Hardwyn, Will. Langham.

[Seal: oval: figure standing within a canopy: kneeling figure at foot beneath niche: with legend. 25 × 20 mm.]

116. No. 265. [Feb. 2, 1418.] Grant from Roger Carter to Ric. Daubeney of a cottage outside the South Gate set between the tenement which Will. Sulney lately held of Will. o' the Green on the South, and the tenement late Tho. Daubeney's on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the garden late Tho. Daubeney's; the cottage is held by the grant of Ric. Pouchmaker. Witnesses, Hen. Derby, Mayor, Hen. Foster, bailiff, Rob. Randolf, Tho. Whytacre, Tho. Halford, Rob. Walker.

117. No. 266. [May 15, 1418.] Grant from Tho. Navenby, smith, and Agnes his wife to Sir John Dyseworth, chaplain, and John of Grange, husbandman, of a messuage (described in 114). Witnesses, Hen. Derby, Mayor, Hen. Forster, bailiff, Rob. Randolf, Tho. Whetacre, Will. Burton, ironmonger, Joh. Billesdon, dyester, Tho. Halford, butcher.

118. No. 268. [Dec. 6, 1420.] Grant from Tho. Gaddesby to Adam Cook, Sir John Syston, perpetual vicar of All Saints' Church, and Sir Will. Bulle of a tenement set between that late Hen. of Gaddesby's on the South, and that of the Abbot of Leicester on the North, with his moveables, and a tenement in the town of Gaddesby and its appurtenances both in the town and in the fields of Gaddesby. Witnesses, Tho. Clerk, Mayor, Hen. Forster, bailiff, John Ashfordby, John Dyester, Will. Bugden.

119. No. 273. [? date.] "Humbilly shewen to your grete wisdomes the Kings trewe liegemen Leonard Thornburgh squyer and Will. Boleyn late servaunt to Sir Thomas Nevyll knyght who god assoil þat where ye said Leonard and Will. had taken to servis by endenture of þe said Tho. þat tyme beyng Stiward of þe duchie of Lancastre in Lincolnshire a pasture of þe Kinges, parcell of þe said duchie, called þe fryth beside Boston and a croft called Erles croft" to hold for 10 years at a rent to the King of £46. 14*s.* 4*d.*, they ask for a renewal, having spent much in dyking, closing and building.

120. Box E, No. 274. [Mar. 12, 1423.] Grant from Tho. Gaddesby to John Danet of Gaddesby, Tho. Derby, junior, Will. Bulle of Leicester, chaplain, Will. Freeman, Tho. Seborugh, Adam Racy, John Muryell of Bristol, Rob. Bradmer of Nottingham, John Abraham of Coventry, John Cook of Lichfield, chaplain, of all his lands etc. in the town and fields of Leicester and in the suburbs or elsewhere in the county. Witnesses, John Church, Mayor, Hen. Forester, bailiff, Henry Walter, Tho. Hardewyn, Will. Noble, John Coventry, baxter, John Ashfordby.

121. Box E, No. 275. [June 25, 1423.] Grant from John Syston, vicar of All Saints', Will. Noble "belleȝetere" and John Whityngton to Tho. Gaddesby, John Horningwold and Rad. Elyman of a plot outside the North Gate in St Margaret's parish, lying between Tho. Gaddesby's land on the East and the water of Soar, and a certain part of the same parcel of land called the Pingle on the West, and stretching from a certain footpath towards the South by which one goes to the Soar, to the land of the said Tho. Gaddesby towards the North, which plot with others the grantors have of the feoffment of John Bonyfaunt, chapman. Witnesses, John Church, Mayor, Hen. Walter and Ric. Baldock, bailiffs, Tho. Hardewyn, John Ashfordby, Will. Langham, Roger Clement, John Smith, Henry Gery, Tho. Chartheroo.

[Three seals: red wax:

(1) within wheat-ears I. S. surmounted by crown. All within a line.

(2) see facsimile. A bell-founder's seal.

(3) broken.]

122. Box E, No. 277. [Ap. 28, 1424.] Counterpart feoffment by John Syston, Will. Bulle, chaplains, and Adam Cook of Tho. Gaddesby and Agnes his wife of a tenement outside the North Gate between the tenements late of Hen. of Gaddesby on the South and that of the Abbot of Leicester on the North and stretching from the highway to the East as far as the land late Hen. of Gaddesby's to the West; which tenement with others in the town of Gaddesby, the grantors have of the feoffment of Tho. Gaddesby who had them of John Swepston son and heir of John Swepston, corviser. Failing heirs of Tho. and Agnes the reversion to Henry son of Tho. Gaddesby and his heirs. Witnesses, Hen. Foster, Mayor, Hen. Walter and Ric. Baldock, bailiffs, John Horningwold, Tho. Hardewyn, Will. Langham, Will. Bugden, Rad. Elyman, Rog. Clement.

[Three seals: black wax:

(1) as 121 (1). (2) and (3) fragmentary.]

123. Box E, No. 278. [Same date.] Letter of attorney from Adam Cook to John Syston and Will. Bulle, chaplains, to deliver seisin to Thomas Gaddesby and Agnes.

124. Box E, No. 279. [? May 4, 1425.] Grant from Tho. Debonair, saddler, to Will. Malyn, saddler, and Hen. Sheather of two messuages and two cottages (as in 108). Witnesses, Hen. Derby, Mayor, John Pykewell and John Reynold, bailiffs, John Furneys, Will. of Hough, Hen. Ledbeter, Ric. Ledbeter.

[Seal: red wax: a T.]

125. Box E, No. 280. [May 28, 1425.] Grant from Will. Malyn and Hen. Sheather of the lands (as above) to Tho. Debonair, saddler, and Margery his wife. Witnesses, as above.

126. Box E, No. 283. [Oct. 22, 1425.] Grant from Hen. Derby to Tho. Halford, John Gylough and John Kegworth of all his lands etc. in Leicester. Witnesses, Will. Newby, Mayor, John Reynold, John Empingham, bailiffs, Will. Skinner, Will. Pacy.

[Seal: red wax: defaced.]

127. V. B. No. 98. [Aug. 19, 1426.] Grant from Isabella Brewster of Staunton Wyville in her widowhood to Christiana her daughter, wife of Ric. Cokke of Shankton, of all her lands in the "towns" and fields of Shankton and Hardwick. Remainder to Alice her daughter, wife of Will. Aleyn. Witnesses, Sir William, rector of Staunton Wyville, Rob. Boyt, Will. Walker of the same, John Bay of Hallaton (Holowton) and John Caldwell, chaplain of the same. At Staunton Wyville.

128. Box E, No. 284. [Aug. 4, 1427.] General release from Tho. Gaddesby junior to Tho. Gaddesby senior, lately his master, of all actions etc.

129. V. B. No. 58. [Dec. 2, 1427.] Grant from John Billesden of Coventry, son and heir of John Billesden of Leicester, dyester[1], to Will. Gyde of Leicester and Will. Exham of the same, of two gardens lying in St Michael's croft, one lying between the Abbot of Leicester's land on the East, and Richard Danet's on the West, and stretching from Adam Rasy's land to the lane called Blanchwell lane, and the other lying between Ric. Danet's land on the East and John of Cambridge's on the West, and stretching from the way which leads to the church of St Michael to the said Blancwell lane. Witnesses, Will. Asty, Mayor, Tho. Whittington and Adam Racy, bailiffs, John Bingham, Tho. Banerey, Rob. Walker, John Barbour, Tho. Dere, Ric. Brasier, Will. Noble.

[1] dexter.

130. Box E, No. 285. [Dec. 24, 1427.] Grant from Will. Glover to John Bowes of Cortlingstoke, John Pykwell, of Leicester, and Walt. Pomerey of a messuage and garden in St Leonard's parish, lying between the tenement of John London and the North Bridge and stretching from the King's highway to the Soar. Witnesses, Will. Skinner, Mayor, Tho. Whytington and Adam Racy, bailiffs, Will. Tyall, Will. Barbour.

[Seal: fragmentary.]

131. Box E, No. 288. [Sep. 26, 1428.] Feoffment by William, Abbot of St Mary de Pratis, and Henry Bowes of Will. Pacy, Mayor, Will. Winger, John Norfolk, chamberlains, of a messuage in the Swinesmarket set between the tenement of John Empingham on the East and that of Will. Brown on the West; for 18 years; paying thence yearly to Ralph Humberstone, Will. Bulle, John Syston, chaplains, a rose at Midsummer if it is asked. The feoffors will repair. At the end of 18 years the tenement reverts to Ralph, Will. and John. Witnesses, John Loughborough and John Gyles, bailiffs, John Church, Will. Asty, Will. Neweby.

[Seal: circular: St Michael and dragon within beaded line. 12 mm.]

132. Box E, No. 292. [Ap. 1, 1433.] Grant from Will. Braybroke to John Gyllowe of a messuage in the Dead lane in St Peter's parish between the lane called Cross lane which leads to St Peter's church and the tenement late John Hewet's, and stretching in length from that street to the land of John Glover late Walter Lyndrich's. Witnesses, Tho. Clerk, Mayor, Tho. Charity and John Benet, bailiffs, John Church, John Empingham, Will. Owthorp, Tho. Scales.

[Seal: a W.]

133. V. B. No. 63. [Ap. 6, 1433.] Enrolment of a release from Isabella Oadby, wife of John Oadby, gent. before Tho. Clerk, Mayor, Tho. Charity and John Benet, bailiffs, John Church, Ralph Humberston, Tho. Waldegrave, John Loughborough and others, to Tho. Green "tapicer"[1] and Emma his wife of her right in a messuage in the Applegate in St Nicholas parish, according to the form of the charter of the said John and Isabella.

134. Box E, No. 293. [Ap. 21, 1433.] Indenture testifying that when the grant (132) was made, the said John Gyllowe agreed that the said Will. and Margaret his wife should have in the said messuage a hall and a chamber with parcel of the garden and easement of the well to draw there, or that he would find these for them elsewhere. Witnesses, as above.

[Two seals: red wax: (1) a W. (2) ? a merchant's mark.]

[1] Tapestry-maker.

135. Box E, No. 295. [Nov. 1, 1433.] Letter of attorney from Margaret Appulby to Roger Campyon, chaplain, to deliver seisin to John Tratyll of (blank) in a selion containing 3 roods in the North Field of (blank) in the 'furlong' (stadium[1]) called Salterhowe between the land of Tho. Segrave and her own.

136. Box E, No. 296. [May 6, 1434.] Feoffment of Tho. Halford, John Gyllowe and John Kegworth of Agnes Derby, late the wife of Henry Derby, of all their lands in Leicester which they had of the feoffment of Henry Derby, for the term of her life. Witnesses, Will. Newby, Mayor, Ralph Humberstone, John Church, Tho. Waldegrave, Will. Asty.

[Three seals: red wax: (1) an R. (2) a female figure, with sword in right hand, resting point to ground, and carrying on her left shoulder a shield, charged on a fess between 3 mullets on wavy line. All within a richly cusped border and legend ...ET: MON... UN: ECEL. (3) oval: a warrior's head with cap-helmet, to right, all within a line: about 16 × 12 mm.]

137. Box E, No. 297. [March 18, 1435.] Grant from John Gyllowe, butcher, to Tho. Charity of Leicester and John Nutte of Cunston of a messuage in the Dead lane (as described in 131). Witnesses, John Reynold senior, Mayor, John Benet, deputy of Ric. Mawfeld, bailiff, John Loughborough, Adam Racy, Will. Owthorp, Tho. Green, John Willoughby.

[Seal: red wax: hexagonal: monogram ? T. C.]

138. Box E, No. 299. [May 31, 1435.] Release from Tho. Halford, butcher, John Gyllow, butcher, and John Kegworth, yeoman, to Agnes Derby, widow of Henry Derby, of their claim in the lands they hold of the feoffment of Henry Derby. (See 136.) Witnesses, John Raynold, Mayor, John Benet, deputy of the bailiff, Tho Waldegrave, Will. Asty, Will. Pacy.

[Three seals: red wax: (1) a T. (2) as 136 (2). (3) as 136 (3).

139. Box E, No. 300. [June 24, 1435.] Grant from Tho. Gaddesby to Sir John Glen, perpetual vicar of St Peter's, Sir Will. Syston, perpetual vicar of All Saints', and Will. Kelyng, of a tenement set between the tenement late Hen. Gaddesby's on the South and that of the Abbot of Leicester on the North with all his moveables in Leicester and its Fields. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, John Benet, deputy of Ric. Mawfeld, bailiff, Walter Pomerey, Tho. Herdewyn, John Horningwold, Roger Clement, Tho. Chartheroo.

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[1] *Cath. Ang.* p. 146.

140. Box E, No. 302. [June 14, 1436.] Letter of attorney from Tho. Hardewyn to John More to deliver seisin to Roger Clement of Leicester and John Hardewyn of Ravenstone in two messuages outside the North Gate in the street called Northgate.

[Seal: a T.]

141. V. B. No. 60. [Nov. 20, 1436.] Grant from Will. Nicoll of Braunston and Tho. Halforth of Leicester to John Reynold and Ric. Pelle of all their lands, rents, and services. Witnesses, Walter Pomrey, Mayor of Leicester, John Benet, deputy of Ric. Mawfeld, bailiff, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Wynger, John Reynold junior, Ric. Wiredrawer, Will. Cook, fisher.

142. Box E, No. 303. [June 9, 1437.] Grant from Roger Clement to John Reynold senior, Tho. Hewet, bowyer, Ric. Belgrave, cardmaker, and Rog. Shearman, fishmonger, of a messuage (as above in 140) between John Hardewyn's on the South and John Smith of Bradgate's on the North, and stretching from the said street to the West, which the donors have of the feoffment of Tho. Hardewyn. Witnesses, Walter Pomerey, Mayor, Will. Neweby, Ric. Baldok, John Gery, John Hert.

[Black seal: defaced.]

143. Box E, No. 304. [July 22, 1437.] General release from Will. Peyte, knight, to Tho. Gaddesby, saddler, of all actions etc.

144. Box E, No. 306. (Illegible.)

145. Box E, No. 307. [1438–9.] Counterpart lease from Tho. Gaddesby, saddler, to Roger Hyche, baxter, of a tenement in the high street, in All Saints' parish, between the messuage of Tho. Bevyle on the North (other boundary not given) and stretching from the high street to Tho. Launder's land; for nine years. Rent a red rose. Witnesses, John Coventry, Mayor, Tho. Hewet, John Benet, deputies of John (Norris, bailiff, torn), (Tho.) Launder, Tho. Charthero, Rog. Clement, Rog. Lobenham. (Date torn.)

146. Box E, No. 308. [Jan. 2, 1441.] Grant from Ric. Smert, chaplain, and John Man, tailor, to Walter Pomerey, mason, and Margery his wife, late the wife of Tho. Seburgh, saddler, of all his lands of the feoffment of the said Walter and Margery. Witnesses, Adam Racy, Mayor, Tho. Hewet, bowyer, John Benet, deputies of John Norris, bailiff, Rog. Clement, Tho. Charthero, Rog. Hyche, Will. Barbour, barker.

[Two seals: red wax: (1) circular: on a shield within a rich gothic quadrangular moulding an eagle displayed: all within a legend and circle. 20 mm. (2) ? the same: imperfect.]

147. Box E, No. 309. [May 16, 1441.] Letter of attorney from John Danet of Gaddesby, Tho. Derby of the same, junior, and Adam Racy of Leicester, to Will. Grantham of Leicester, draper, to deliver seisin to Tho. Gaddesby of Leicester of the lands etc. which they together with Will. Bulle, chaplain, Will. Freeman, Tho. Seborough, John Muryell of Bristol, Rob. Bradmer of Nottingham, John Abraham of Coventry and John Cook of Lichfield, chaplain, now deceased, had of the feoffment of Tho. Gaddesby in the town and Fields of Leicester, and in the county. (See 120.)

148. Box F, No. 312. [Feb. 22, 1443.] Grant from Agnes Newton, late the wife of Tho. Naneby of Leicester, smith, and afterwards the wife of Rob. Newton of the same, in her pure widowhood and lawful power to John Hyndeman of Hinckley and Eliz. his wife, her daughter by the said Thomas, of a messuage outside the South Gate, between the tenement late of John Bingham senior, and that of the Dean and Canons of the New Collegiate Church of the Blessed Mary of Leicester, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of Will. Neweby. Witnesses, Will. Wymondeswold, Mayor, Alex. Vyllers, deputy of Tho. Meryng esquire, bailiff, John Reynold senior, Adam Racy, Tho. Charity, John Maiel, Will. Walsh.

149. Box F, No. 313. [March 18, 1443.] Grant from John Bowes of Cortlingstoke and Walter Pomerey to Ric. Knyttesford, son and heir of Will. Glover, of a messuage (as in 130). Witnesses, Will. Wymeswold (Wymondeswold), Mayor, John Reynold, Adam Racy, John Man, John Whittington.

150. Box F, No. 314. [Nov. 16, 1443.] Grant from Tho. Gaddesby, saddler, to Will. Grantham, draper, John Glen, vicar of St Peter's, Will. Syston, vicar of All Saints', John Kelyng, clerk, Ric. Neele, Adam Racy, Will. Pacy, John Myrryel of Groby and Roger Clement, of all his lands in Leicester and in the town and fields of Ibstock in Leicestershire. Sealing clause, the said Will. Grantham being Mayor, and Ric. Hotoft and Tho. Meryng esquires, bailiffs. Witnesses, Tho. Charthero, John Man, Tho. Launder, Will. Barbour, barker, Will. Daubeney.

[Seal: red wax: a T.]

151. Box F, No. 315. [Nov. 26, 1444.] Grant from Will. son of Will. Edelyn to Tho. Farnham of Querndon, John Glen, vicar of St Peter's, and John Benet, of a messuage in the North suburb in the street called the North Gate between that of John Lynne on the South and that of John Ashfordby now in the tenure of Will. Barber,

barker, on the North and stretching from the King's highway to the land of John Lynne on the East, the messuage being of the grant of Will. Brailesford and Will. George[1]. Witnesses, Will. Newby, Mayor, Tho. Meryng esquire, Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiffs, Alex. Vylers, Will. Braunston, deputies of the said Tho. Meryng and Ric. Hotoft.

[Seal: red wax: oval: a T under scroll-work.]

152. Box F, No. 316. [Aug. 26, 1445.] Grant from Ric. Knytteford of Coventry, glover, son and heir of Will. Knytteford late of Leicester, glover, to Adam Racy, Walter Tottesden, Ralph Furnes of Leicester, John Medburn of Grantham, and Will. Grantham of Leicester, draper, of a messuage and garden in the parish of St Leonard between the tenement late John London's, now Will. Clerk's, and the North Bridge, and stretching from the King's highway to the Soar. Witnesses, Will. Newby, Mayor, Will. Braunston, Alex. Villers, deputies of Ric. Hotoft and Tho. Meryng esquires, bailiffs, Walter Pomerey, John Man senior, Will. Clerk, John Barbour, barker.

[Seal: red wax: an R crowned.]

153. Box F, No. 317. [Sep. 18, 1445.] Feoffment by Rob. Jows, late vicar of St Leonard's, now vicar of Barrow-on-Soar, John Glen, vicar of St Peter's, and Adam Racy, glover, of John Pomerey, Abbot of St Mary de Pratis, and Walter Pomerey, of all the lands which they have of the said Walter's feoffment. Witnesses, Will. Newby, Mayor, Will. Braunston, Alex. Villers, deputies of Ric. Hotoft and Tho. Meryng esquires, bailiffs, John Reynold senior, Will. Asty, Tho. Grene "tapicer," John Man senior, Will. Clerk, sergeant, Will. Daubeney, barker.

[3 seals: red wax: (1) illegible, imperfect. (2) an I. (3) an A.]

154. Box F, No. 320. [May 31, 1451.] Release from Tho. Noverey, son and heir of Tho. Noverey, to Agnes Leyke of Grantham, late wife of John Loveday, of his rights in lands and chattels (as in 109 above). Witnesses, John Reynald, Mayor, Will. Newby, Tho. Charity, John Symond of Burton Overy, Will. Lubbenham of the same.

155. Box F, No. 321. [Aug. 16, 1451.] Release from Adam Racy to Edm. Tyllet, chaplain, John Glover, corviser, John Swannington, saddler, and Will. Moke, mercer, of his right in a messuage in the North suburbs in the street called Northgate between Tho. Merston of Aylestone's on the South and Nic. Cley, barker's, on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the said Tho.

[1] See 83, 84 above.

Merston's land on the East. Witnesses, Ric. Chaundeler, John Glover, shoemaker, Rog. Clement, shoemaker, John Barbur.

[Seal: an A: imperfect, as 153 (3).]

156. Box F, No. 323. [Nov. 8, 1451.] Release from Edm. Tyllett (and the grantees above) to Will. Edelyn, corviser, of their right in the land (as above). Witnesses, Nic. Chandler, Tho. Launder, John Glover, Will. Daubeney, John Milner.

[3 seals: red wax: (1) indecipherable. (2) on a shield an I. (3) qu. a stag statant between branches.]

157. Box F, No. 323. [Nov. 20, 1451.] Feoffment by John Gery, elyman[1], Will. Daubeney, barker[2], and Tho. Edelyn, corviser[3], of land (as above) of the feoffment of Tho. Farnham of Querndon, John Glen and John Benet (see 151). Witnesses, Will. Clerke, Mayor, Will. Hynde, deputy of Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, Ric. Chandler, Ric. Clements, John Whynnyiates, Tho. Launder, John Stabulford.

[2 seals: red wax: (1) a shield, undecipherable, within a legend. (2) W. S. crowned, within a circle.]

158. Box F, No. 324. [Ap. 4, 1452.] Feoffment by the feoffees in 156 of John Whyllymote, weaver, of Leicester, Will. Kyrspe of Northborough, Rog. Tullet of Barrow-on-Soar, husbandman, and Rob. Barne of Leicester, weaver, of the messuage (as above). Witnesses, Will. Clerke, Mayor, Will. Hynde, deputy of Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, Rog. Clement, Tho. Charteroo, corvisers, Tho. Smith, John Barber, barker, Rog. Hyche, baxter.

[3 seals: red wax: (1) an I between lily slips. (2) an R crowned between branches. (3) T. R. monogram.]

159. Box F, No. 325. [Ap. 6, 1452.] Release from Tho. Edlyn, corviser, to Rob. Barne, weaver, of his right in the messuage (as above). Witnesses, Rog. Clement, corviser, Ric. Chandler, Tho. Launder, Tho. Smith, John Stabulford.

[Seal: red wax: monogram T. R. as above 158 (3).]

160. V. B. No. 99. [May 2, 1452.] Feoffment by Ric. Brewster of lands (as in 127 above) of Christiana (as in 127) with reversion to himself and his heirs. Witnesses, Will. Wyville (Wyvill) of Stonton, Esq., John and Thomas Chapman of Foxton, Rob. Both of Hallaton (Holoughton), Tho. Bay of the same. At Stonton Wyville.

161. V. B. No. 59. [June 3, 1452.] Receipt from John Wulston of Wollaston of £20 from the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, in full payment of a debt of £160.

[1] oilman. [2] MS. barkekar. [3] shoemaker.

162. Box F, No. 326. [July 26, 1452.] Quadripartite feoffment by Tho. Charity of Catherine, daughter and heir of John Church of Leicester, son and heir of John Church senior, merchant, and Catherine his wife, of the lands which Thomas had of the feoffment of John Church senior, together with John Charity, clerk, and Ric. Smart, chaplain, now dead, with reversion to the Mayor and community on condition that they hired a suitable chaplain within 3 months from Michaelmas to celebrate divine service in St Martin's church daily for the souls of John Church senior and Catherine his wife, and John Church junior and Agnes his wife and Catherine their daughter, and Catherine daughter of John Church senior, Tho. Beby and Agnes his wife, Hen. Beby and Tho. Charity; and that the Mayor and community should keep the obit of the above-named on Aug. 8, or within the week following, and the following day by a requiem mass with music, paying to the vicar of St Martin's *6d.* and to each chaplain of the Gild of Corpus Christi of the said church *4d.*, and to each holy-water clerk (aquebaiulo) *2d.*, being present at the said mass; and that the bellman (polictor[1]) of the town go through the town to announce the day of the obit with the other circumstances as is the custom of the town, taking what is customary for his trouble; and that the Mayor and community distribute on the day of the obit to the poor of the almshouse of the New Collegiate Church of the Blessed Mary *2s.* to commemorate the souls of the abovesaid at the prayers called "Le comyn bedes" according to the daily custom of the almshouse. The Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church are to levy £5 from the said lands by way of penalty in the event of the non-fulfilment of the conditions. Witnesses, Will. Clerk, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, John Reynold, Will. Newby, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Wigston, John Benet, Tho. Dalton junior, and John Pacy.

[Seal: red wax: octagonal: ? a monk's head cowled. Legend, THOM. CHARYTE.]

163. Box F, No. 327. [Aug. 5, 1452.] Tripartite feoffment by Tho. Charity and John Nutte of Cunston of Henry Gyllowe, son and heir of John Gyllowe late of Leicester, butcher, of a messuage in the Dead lane in St Peter's parish (as in 132, 137) for life, with reversion to the Mayor and community, on condition that the Mayor and community celebrate an obit in St Peter's church on the eve of St Andrew the Apostle or within a week after and on the morrow, for the souls of John Gyllowe and Johanna his wife, Henry, Thomas, and John Nutte

[1] See *Cath. Ang.* s. v. bellman.

and their friends and benefactors, paying to the vicar 4*d.*, to the holy-water clerk 2*d.*, and to the provosts of the church for ringing the great bell and other bells 6*d.*, and to the bell-ringers 6*d.*, and to the bellman (polictori vocato "le belman") for announcing the obit (as above) 2*d.*, and for two torches burning at the exequies 4*d.* The Master and brethren of the Hospital of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist are to levy 40*d.* from the messuage as a penalty in the event of the non-fulfilment of the conditions. Witnesses, Will. Clerk, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, John Reynold, Will. Newby, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Wigston, John Benet, Tho. Grene and Tho. Dalton junior.

[Seal: as above. A second seal missing.]

164. Box F, No. 330. [Feb. 12, 1453.] Acknowledgment from Tho. Edelyn, corviser, to Rob. Barne, weaver, of his debt of £10 to be paid at Michaelmas.

[Red seal: an I between branches.]

165. Box F, No. 331. [Aug. 19, 1454.] Letter of attorney from Will. Gaddesby to John Gaddesby, saddler, to receive a messuage outside the North Gate in All Saints' parish between the tenement of the Abbot of Leicester on the South and that of Agnes, late the wife of Tho. Gaddesby, on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the common footpath called "Burgespament."

[Seal: a W.]

166. V. B. No. 64. [Dec. 16, 1454.] Release in Portmoot by Joan Heather, late wife of Rob. Kesteven, now wife of John Heather of Derby, before Tho. Dalton junior, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft, bailiff, Will. Wigston, Ralph Fisher, Tho. Dalton senior, Tho. Green, draper, John Gery, Will. Hinde, Ric. Yates and John Yeoman of her right in a piece of meadowland in Bromkinsthorpe, lying between the meadow of the Abbot of Leicester and that late Ralph Brasier's, now John Reynold senior's, and in breadth lying between the meadow of the said Abbot and of John Reynold.

167. Box F, No. 333. [May 18, 1457.] Counterpart lease from Ric. Cote, citizen of London, and Christiana his wife, late the wife of Tho. Humberstone, citizen and mercer of London, to Will. Woodward of Leicester, tailor, of a tenement in Applegate in St Nicholas parish, between the King's highway on the East and the tenement of John Coventry on the West, and the tenement late Roger Barber and Alice his wife's, then John Kirkby's, and a garden late John Coventry's on the North, and a tenement belonging to the Collegiate Church of St Mary of the Newark on the South; for 20 years; rent a red rose

at Midsummer for the first 8 years, and 10*s.* for the last 12. Lessee to repair the tenement now in ruins and to cover the hall and chief chamber with tiles called "sklates," and the grantor to keep it in repair. William acknowledges his debt of 10 marks to the grantors.

168. Box F, No. 336. [Aug. 20, 1458.] Release from Will. Daubeney and Tho. Chartherow to Nic. Cley of their right in a messuage in All Saints' parish in the North Gate between the tenement late Will. Edelyng's, then Adam Racy's, now Rob. Baroun's and the land of Tho. Marston on the South and the land of the Mayor and community on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the land late Will. Wymeswold's (Wymundeswold), now Rob. Stevyns', which messuage the grantor had with the said Nic. and John Myryelle late of Lutterworth, now dead, of the feoffment of John Man and Will. Kelyng. Witnesses, Tho. Green, draper, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, John Gery, Roger Clement, and John Glover, barker.

[Two seals: red wax: (1) indecipherable initial. (2) a dog standing to left.]

169. Box F, No. 338. [March 10, 1459.] Letter of attorney from Katherine Clerk, widow, to Rob. Rowelot to deliver seisin to Tho. Joye, John Harleston, chaplain, Will. Hille, chaplain, and Nic. Joye in a messuage in the High Street between that late Ric. Hotoft of Humberstone's on the South and that late Ric. Chandler's, now Arthur Mytton's, on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the tenement late Will. Twyneham's, now Anna Villers'; and in 5 messuages lying together outside the South Gate between the messuage of the New Collegiate Church on the North, and that of Ric. Daubeney on the South, and stretching from the King's highway to the "Bernegate," according to the charters granted by her to the above-named. Witnesses, John Reynold senior, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft, bailiff, Will. Wigston, Ralph Fisher, Tho. Grene, draper.

[Seal: red wax: circular: within an ornamental border an ℳ. The whole within a legend.]

170. Box F, No. 339. [Aug. 10, 1459.] Feoffment by John Gaddesby and Johanna his wife of John Kelyng, clerk, Will. Cat, clerk, Will. Gaddesby, clerk, Will. Daubeney, barker, John Glover, barker, Rob. Baron, weaver, and John Green, draper, of their lands in Leicester, which they have of the feoffment of John Kelyng, clerk (and the other feoffees). Witnesses, John Reynold senior, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft esquire, bailiff, John Benet, Tho. Green, draper, John Gery.

[Two seals: red wax: (1) an I. (2) griffin segreant. Legend: ...PAX.]

171. V. B. No. 61. [Nov. 12, 1459.] Release from John Reynold of Leicester to Ric. Pelle of the household of the lord King of all his rights in lands within the town of Leicester, the suburb, and elsewhere in England, which he lately had together with Tho. Burton and Adam Racy, now dead, by the feoffment of the said Ric. Pelle. Witnesses, Will. Wigston, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft, bailiff, Tho. Green, John Yeoman, John Giles, John Frisby, Will. Porter.

172. Box F, No. 341. [Jan. 5, 1461.] (1) Copy of a feoffment by John Reynold junior and Tho. Audeby of Agnes Wistow of a messuage in St Martin's parish in Gallowtreegate between Ric. Goodyer's on the North and the tenement of the Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church on the South, and stretching from the King's highway to the East, to the land now in the tenure of John Roberts towards the West, which the feoffors have with Will. Maidwell, now dead, of the feoffment of Alice Walter. Agnes is to hold for life; with remainder to Alice, daughter of Will. Palmer of Keyham. Witnesses, Rob. Sherringham, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft, bailiff, John Benet, John Roberts, and John Green, draper.

(2) [Same date.] Copy of a feoffment by the same of the same of 2 parts of a tripartite garden lying in St Margaret's parish in Humberstonegate between the land of the said Thomas on the West, and that of Ric. Hotoft on the East, and stretching from the King's highway to the North as far as the land of the Dean and Chapter of the New Collegiate Church, of the feoffment (as above). Remainder (as above). Witnesses (as above).

(3) [Same date.] Copy of a feoffment by the same to the same of the third part of the garden, for life. On her death to Alice Tylesley, daughter of Christiana Chaddisden. Failing heirs, to be sold for the salvation of the soul of Alice Walter. Witnesses, the Mayor and bailiff as above, John Benet, John Yeoman, John Roberts.

173. Box G, No. 344. [May 15, 1461.] Counterpart lease from Tho. Lovet of Nottingham, barker, and Matilda his wife to John Dryver of Leicester and Agnes his wife of a piece of land lying in St Nicholas parish in a street which leads to the High Cross towards the West Gate between the land of the Master of Burton Lazars on the North and the lessors'[1] on the South and contains in width 17 inches (pollices) and in length 60 feet; rent 4*d*. Witnesses, Rob. Sherringham, Mayor, Ric. Hotoft, bailiff, Will. Wigston, Tho. Grene, draper, Ralph Fisher, John Roberts, John Holt.

[1] In 178 called late Will. Mercer's, then John Reynold's.

174. V. B. No. 100. [Jan. 5, 1463.] Grant from Will. Cokkys of Shankton to Will. Peke, John Peke senior, John Edmond, John Franke, Tho. of (*sic*) Jackes, all of Tilton, and John Ward of Shankton, junior, Will. Fish of Kibworth, Tho. Chapman of Foxton, junior, John Huntly of London, Ric. and John Stone of London, John Yeoman of Leicester, junior, John Welles of Newton, junior, Tho. King of Stanion (Stanneyarne), Tho. Ladde of Laughton, Rob. Newby of the same, Ric. Semper of Welham, John Both of Hallaton, George Peke of Middleton, Will. Wareyn of Holt, junior, John Copar of Goadby, junior, Tho. Hougham of Skeffington, John Cobbeley of the same, and Ric. Ilyff of Arnesby[1], of one toft in Shankton lying between the tenement of Will. Cokkys on the North and that which Tho. Ward holds on the South, which toft the grantor lately acquired from John Melton of Coventry. Witnesses, Ric. and Tho. Warde of Shankton, Rob. Both of Hallaton. At Shankton.

175. Box G, No. 349, 350. [March 6, 1463.] Counterpart leases from Hen. Gaddesby, son of Tho. Gaddesby, late of Leicester, saddler, to Rob. Barne, weaver, of a toft with a quarry in the "town" of Ibstock between the messuage of the rector of the church on the East and that of Rob. of Swillington, knight, on the West; for a sum paid beforehand; for 30 years; chief rent to the lessees. Witnesses, John Yeoman, Mayor, Peter Curteis, bailiff, Rob. Rawlot, Roger Wigston, John Glover, John Baldwin, Rob. Walton.

176. Box G, No. 351. [Aug. 16, 1463.] General release from Will. Gaddesby, late of Leicester, chaplain to Rob. Baron, weaver, of all actions etc.

[Seal: red wax: circular: a fleur-de-lys. 18 mm.]

177. V. B. No. 62. [Ap. 26, 1464.] Feoffment by Elizabeth, widow of Adam Racy of Leicester, glover, of Will. Goold of Leicester, shearman, and Emma his wife of a tenement in the High Street, in the parish of St Peter, lying between the tenement once Roger Belgrave's, now Tho. Melborn's, on the South side, and the tenement once Simon of Shirford's, now Will. Purfrey's, on the North, which land Adam and Eliz. had of the feoffment of Roger Leek of Leicester, glover. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Robert Rawlot, Roger Wigston, Will. Holbeche, Hen. Danke, Will. Brome of Leicester.

178. Box G, No. 352. [June 20, 1464.] Grant from John Driver and Agnes his wife, Ralph Furnes, and Laurence Bate to John Stedeman, Tho. Coke, Hugh Catour and Agnes his wife of a messuage

[1] 24 names.

(as in 173) stretching from the King's highway to the way next the Soar on the West, which the donors had of late with Ric. Baldok late of Leicester, now dead, of the grant of Ric. Lokear late of Leicester, now dead. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Rob. Rowelot and John Roberds and Tho. Drake, deputies of Peter Curteys, bailiff. Rob. Grene, Rob. Aresby. Will. Proctor, Tho. Lynsey. John Chapman.

[4 seals: red wax: (1) an R between branches. (2) ? a hart couchant. (3) indecipherable: ? merchant's mark. (4) ? winged lion.]

179. Box G, No. 353. [Same date.] Grant from John Driver and Agnes his wife to the same of the same, and they appoint Ric. Reynold and John Darley their attornies to deliver seisin thereof. Same witnesses.

[2 seals: red wax: (1) same as (1) above. (2) same as (2) above.]

180. Box G, Nos. 354, 355. [Same date.] Counterpart agreements from the donees to pay the donors 20*s.* a year until £12 has been paid, failing which the donors may reenter.

181. Box G, No. 356. [Same date.] Acknowledgment from the donors (as above) of a debt of £20 to Hugh Catour and Agnes his wife.

[v°.] The obligation will be cancelled by the delivery of the messuage (as above).

182. Box G, No. 360. [Feb. 26, 1466.] Grant from John Raynold and Tho. Oadby (Oudeby) to Henry Colefax and Alice his wife of a messuage (as in 172, (1)). Also of a barn and two parts of a tripartite garden (as in 172, (2)). Witnesses, Roger Wigston, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, John Yeoman, Ric. Yates, John Green, draper, Will. Whyttow, John Lamb, baker.

[2 seals: red wax: (1) a shield. (2) a merchant's mark, see facsimile.]

183. Box G, No. 361. [Aug. 12, 1466.] Acknowledgment of debt from John Hyndeman of Hinckley, husbandman, and Elizabeth his wife to Will. Bolton and Alice his wife of £40.

[v°.] The obligation will be cancelled by the delivery of a messuage set outside the South Gate (as above in 148).

184. Box G, No. 362. [Same date.] Grant from John Hyndeman and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of the late Tho. Naneby of Leicester, smith, and Agnes his wife, to Will. Langham, John Walton, clerks, Will. Bolton and Alice his wife, of the messuage (as above in 148). Witnesses, Roger Wigston, Mayor, John Robardes, deputy of Peter Curteys, bailiff, Rob. Rawlott, John Reynold, Tho. Weldon, Tho. Frisby, John Langham, John Palmer, Ric. Daubeney.

185. Box G, No. 365. [Sep. 29, 1469.] Counterpart lease (English) from John Belgrave and Katharine his wife and Isabel Aughton her sister to Rob. Baroun of Leicester, weaver (wyver), of a "meyse" with a barn, 2 crofts and a "yerd lond" in the "town" and Fields of Belgrave. The messuage lies between the ground of Tho. Newton and that late of Margaret of Ellaby; for 20 years; 12*s.* rent; distraining clause; tenant agrees to repair, binding himself by a bond for £5, "fyendyng all maner stuffe except grete tymbre"; no trees to be felled without leave of the lessors, and no destruction to be done "odyrwyse then a tenenaunt awith to do." "Also he shall kepe all the land wyll enokid[1] and in good tilth." Witnesses, Piers Savey, Hugh Shepey, William, vicar of Belgrave.

186. Box F, Nos. 342, 343. [Oct. 6, 1470[2].] Counterpart leases from Hen. Gaddesby to Rob. Baron, weaver, and John Gaddesby, saddler, of a tenement outside the North Gate between Agnes Gaddesby's on the North and that of the Abbot and convent of Leicester on the South and stretching from the King's highway to the lane called "Burgeslane"; for 90 years; for 2*s.* a year. Distraining clause. Lessees to repair.

187. Box G, No. 366. [July 24, 1471.] Feoffment by Rob. Grene late of Leicester "tapiser[3]" and Margaret his wife, of Will. Holbeche, John Dawes, John Syleby, Ralph Tebbe, baker, and Anna his wife, of a messuage in the Applegate between the common bakehouse of the King on the West and the donors' tenement late in the tenure of Ric. Brigandiremaker[4] and Ric. Cardmaker on the East, stretching from the King's highway to "Lez Holybones," which messuage they have of the feoffment of Master Henry Green, rector of Loughborough church, Ric. Chambre, Will. Holbeche and Tho. Marchall. Witnesses, Rob. Sheryngham, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Rob. Rawlot, Rog. Wigston, John Albon, Will. Blakwyn, John Symson.

188. Box G, No. 367. [Same date.] Release from Margaret wife of Rob. Grene to Ralph Tebbe and Anna his wife of her right in the messuage (as above). Witnesses, Mayor and bailiff as above, John Reynold, Ric. Gillot, John Willimott.

[Seal: a seated animal.]

189. Box G, No. 368. [Ap. 20, 1472.] Feoffment by John Pomerey, Abbot of St Mary de Pratis, of Ric. Elkesley, chaplain, and

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[1] See N.E.D. s.v. inhoc (to enclose).

[2] 49 Hen. VI.

[3] Maker of tapestry.

[4] Maker of body armour for foot-soldiers.

John Hunt of Nottingham, merchant, of two messuages, in the East suburb in Belgravegate between the late Rog. Humberstone's tenement and that of the Gild of St Margaret, and stretching from the King's highway to the lane called Barkby Lane, which two messuages he had together with Walt. Pomerey, now dead, of the feoffment of Rob. Jows (and as in 153 above). Witnesses, Roger Wigston, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Rob. Rawlot, John Reynold, Ric. Gillot, John Roberdes, John Wyllimot.

190. Box G, No. 371. [Jan. 4, 1474.] Letter of attorney from Agnes Drake, widow, and John Roberdes, draper, to the Mayor of Leicester and the Provost of the church of St Martin, to recover from John Grene, draper, of Leicester £20.

191. Box G, No. 372. [May 1, 1474.] Feoffment by Rob. Bolton of Will. Bolton his father and Alice his mother of a messuage outside the South Gate between the tenement late John Byngham's on the South and that of the Dean and Canons of the Collegiate church of St Mary on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of Will. Holbech, which messuage the donor has of the feoffment of the said Will. and Alice and of John Walton, clerk. Witnesses, Rob. Rawlot, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff of the liberty of the town, Rog. Wigston, John Frisley, John Persons.

192. Box G, No. 374. Locked Book, p. 6. [Dec. 4, 1477.] Grant from Rob. Sherringham, draper, to Peter Wynwode and Tho. Totheby of all his lands in Leicester which belonged to John Frisley, burgess, and which he had of late with others now dead of the feoffment of the said John. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, John Yeoman, John Persons and John Reynold junior.

[Seal: red wax: ? a crescent.]

193. Locked Book, p. 6. [Dec. 26, 1477.] Feoffment by Peter Wynwode and Tho. Totheby of John Frisley, burgess, Rob. Sheryngham, draper, Rob. Wigston, merchant, Will. Holbeche, John Wigston, merchant, John Roberdes, draper, and John Wyllymot, burgess, of all lands formerly John Frisley's which they have by the feoffment of Robert Sheryngham. (Same witnesses.)

194. Hall Book, p. 8. [1478–9.] Note of Agnes Halom's debt to Rob. Wall, baker.

"Item deliuered to hyr at certen tymes in bred as much as draweth to v*s.* ix*d.*

Item for flax delivered to hyr xv*d.*

Item paid to the Bailly for hyr fee ii*s.* iiii*d.*"

195. Box G, No. 375. [Feb. 12, 1478.] Feoffment by Will. Merston of Thornton and Tho. Bartelet of Aylestone of Will. Hudson of Leicester, baker, and Margaret his wife, of a messuage in St Nicholas parish, between the tenement late Margaret Kegworth's now Ric. Reynold of Braunston's to the North, and that late John Loughborough's now Peter Curteys's on the South and stretching from the King's highway to the East as far as the land of the said Ric. Reynold to the West, which messuage the feoffors had with Tho. Merston late of Aylestone, and Emmota his wife now dead. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Roger Wigston, Will. Holbeche, Rob. Croft, deputy of Peter Curteys, bailiff, Will. Peksale and Will. Chandler, chamberlains, Rob. Aresby, John Pynder and John Holt.

[2 seals: (1) indecipherable. (2) initials: ? IHC.]

196. Box G, No. 376. [Mar. 9, 1478.] Feoffment by Ric. Preston and Eliz. his wife of Rog. Wigston, Peter Curteys, John Roberdes, John Peny, Rob. Croft, Ric. Clement, Will. Chaundler, Will. Pexsale and Tho. Hervy of a messuage late two messuages (as in 189 above). Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Rob. Sherringham, Will. Holbeche, John Persons, John Wigston, John Willemot, John Albon, Rob. Grene, Tho. Pallet.

197. Box G, Nos. 377, 378. [Same date.] Feoffment by John Hunt of Nottingham of the same, of the same. Same witnesses.

[Seal: see facsimile.]

198. Box G, Nos. 379, 380. [Ap. 7, 1478.] Counterpart feoffments by Ric. Neele, one of the Justices of the King's Common Bench, and John Kelyng, clerk, of Katherine Bulle daughter of the late Emma Bulle daughter of the late Tho. Gaddesby late of Leicester of a garden in St Michael's parish, between the land of the late John Reynold senior and that of the Prior of Coventry, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of the late Peter Launder, and a garden in the parish of St Margaret between the land of Tho. Gye on the South and that of the College of the Newark on the North and stretching from the street called "Kyrkegate" on the West to the land of the foresaid College to the East, which gardens the donors had with Will. Grantham late of Leicester, draper, John Glen late vicar of St Peter's and Will. Syston late vicar of All Saints', now dead, of the gift of Tho. Gaddesby[1]. Failing heirs, to Will. Gaddesby, clerk, son of the said Tho. for life, and on his death to John and failing his heirs to Amy the daughter, and failing her heirs to Henry the son

[1] Cf. 139 above.

of Thomas, and failing heirs, the gardens by Tho. Gaddesby's last will to be sold for the health of the souls of his relatives and friends. Witnesses, John Reynold, Mayor, Roger Wigston, merchant, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Will. Peksale, Will. Chaundler chamberlains, Rob. Gery, Tho. Henstok.

199. Box G, No. 381. [Same date.] Letter of attorney from the feoffors (as above) to John Stapulford and Will. Marten to deliver seisin of 4 gardens (as below).

200. Box G, No. 382. [Same date.] The feoffors (as above) deliver to Amy, daughter of the late Tho. Gaddesby late of Leicester, saddler, seisin of 4 gardens lying together in St Peter's parish between the land of the late Ralph Humberston on the South and that of Will. of Hough on the North, and stretching to the lane called "Parchemyn lane" to the West as far as the wall of the town, which gardens the feoffors had together with Will. Grantham late of Leicester, draper, John Glen and Will. Syston (as above). Failing heirs to William and John (as above) and then to Katharine Bulle, daughter of the late Emma Bulle, daughter of the late Tho. Gaddesby, and failing heirs to Henry Gaddesby, son of Thomas, and failing heirs the gardens to be sold (as above). Witnesses as above.

201. Box G, No. 383. [Ap. 8, 1478.] Release from John Hunt of Nottingham to Roger Wigston and others (as in 196) of his rights in the messuage (as in 189).

[Seal, same as 197.]

202. V. B. No. 1. [Jan. 4, 1480.] Grant from Will. Ryngolde of Leicester to Tho. Kebeell, Tho. Touthby and John Penny, cardemaker, of one croft situated in the parish of St Margaret called Normandye[1], lying between the land of the New College of the Blessed Mary on the North, and the land of Ric. of Mapurley on the South, and stretching from the road towards a certain little way called "Coenblak" on the West, and the Great Field[2] on the East. Witnesses, John Wigston, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Ric. Preston, John Alboon, Nic. Mason.

203. Box G, No. 385. [Ap. 6, 1480.] Counterpart lease from Everard Feldyng late of Lutterworth esquire, to Will. Coventry of Leicester, tailor, of a tenement in the Swinesmarket between that of the said Everard now in the tenure of Will. Walding, "fletcher," to the East and that of the Mayor and community to the West, and stretching from the Swinesmarket to the land of the said Everard in

[1] See pp. 260, 266. [2] St Margaret's Field.

part and the land late of Will. Waldgrave in part to the South; for 61 years; 5*s.* rent, to the King by way of reserved rent (nomine redditus resoluti) 12*d.* and to the gild of Corpus Christi of the church of St Martin 10*s.*, and to the Dean and chapter of the church of the Blessed Mary of the Castle 15*d.* Lessor to repair. Distraining clause. Witnesses, Will. Holbech, John Reynold, John Albon, John Whitewell, Will. Waldyng

[Seal: oval: heraldic on a fesse 3 lozenges: the shield surmounted on the sinister point by helmet and mantling: surrounded by a legend...FEILDYNG.]

204. Box G, No. 386. [May 24, 1480.] Release from John Elton Doctor of Canon Laws (decretorum doctor), one of the executors of the will of John Baldwin late of Leicester, of his right in a garden in St Michael's parish between the land of the Abbot and Convent of St Mary de Pratis to the West and the land of Tho. Giles to the East, and stretching from the King's highway to the common footpath. Witnesses, John Persons, Mayor, Peter Curtes, bailiff, Will. Holbeche, Ric. Preston, John Willymot.

205. Box G, No. 387. [June 6, 1480.] Grant from Rob. Stevens, yeoman, to John Winslow, junior, butcher, and Johanna his wife, Thomasine Moton, Robert Aresby, John Pinder, and John Gardiner of a messuage in St Nicholas' parish, between the tenement of Ric. Reynold of Braunston, gentleman, to the North, and that of Peter Curteys to the South, stretching from the King's highway as far as Ric. Reynold's land to the West, which messuage the donor had of the gift of Margaret Hudson late the wife of Will. Hudson, baker. Witnesses, John Persons, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Will. Holbeche, Tho. Coke, sergeant, and John Holt.

206. V. B. No. 2. Locked Book, p. 37. [Jan. 26, 1481.] Agreement (English) before John Wigston, Mayor, between John Eryk and Johanna his wife (daughter of Ric. Yates late of Leicester) on the one part, and Tho. Tyngull and Agnes his wife (daughter of the same Richard) on the second part, and John Brown of London, master mercer, for Amy Yates, sister of the said Johanna and Agnes, on the third part, that forasmuch as the inheritance of Thomas Yates their brother has come to them, it shall be divided into three parts. The first party shall have the place where Richard Yates dwelt and died, and the dovehouse with its housing, except the cellar under ground on the East side of the hall-door of the said place, and except the 6 shops "being togeder by and by from the said selar unto the shop next on this half the Brodegate of the utter court" where Rawlin

Giles dwells; the second party shall have the exceptions above said: and the third party shall have the place where Rawlin Giles dwells "called the utter court," with the shop on the North side of the gate of the same and the chamber above it and two tenements outside the East Gate. The yearly rent of 10*s.* charged on the whole inheritance shall be paid at the rate of 3*s.* 4*d.* from each party. It is agreed that the garden lying in Soaper Lane in St Peter's parish shall be divided between the first and third parties, John and Johanna having the South side and Amy having the North side.

207. Hall Book, p. 16. [Sep. 21, 1482.] Grant to Simon Brooke by the whole community for life, of a house, viz. the house next Hugh Hostiler in which James Croft dwelt, near the churchyard of St Martin's, and 20*s.* to be paid quarterly by the chamberlains for the time being during Simon's life.

208. Box G, No. 388. [Nov. 3, 1482.] Release from Hen. Gaddesby of Multon and Will. Gaddesby of the same, clerk, to John Gaddesby their brother, saddler, of their right in lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, horse-mill and close in the town, suburbs and fields of Leicester and in the "town" and fields of Ibstock.

[Two seals: (1) an R. (2) undeciphered.]

209. Box G, No. 389. [Mar. 25, 1483.] Counterpart lease from Rob. Brown, grocer, and Tho. Melbourne, grocer, to Alex. Atkinson, chaplain, of a garden or plot of land in the parishes of St Peter and St Michael between the land of Ric. Preston and that once Will. Purfrey's to the West and the King's highway to the South, East and North; for 20 years; rent 4*s.* for 14 years and 3*s.* 6*d.* for 6 years. Witnesses, Roger Wigston deputy of Peter Curteys, Mayor, John Roberds, Tho. Palet, Rob. Croft.

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210. Box H, Nos. 390, 391. [July 7, 1483.] Counterpart feoffments by Ric. Neele and John Keling (as in 198 above) of Henry Gaddesby of a capital messuage outside the North Gate between the land of the Abbot of Leicester on the South and that late of Agnes Gaddesby and "Aslane" on the North, and stretching from the King's highway to the common way called "Burges pavyment," which capital messuage with other lands they had together with Will. Grantham (and others as in 198) of the feoffment of Tho. Gaddesby. Failing heirs, to William Gaddesby, clerk, for life, and then to John Gaddesby, and failing heirs, to Anna Woode, daughter of Thomas Gaddesby, and failing heirs, to be sold (as in 198). Witnesses, Peter Curteys, Mayor and bailiff, John Robarts, Roger Wigston, Robert Gery, Tho. Henstok.

211. Box H, No. 392. [Nov. 12, 1483.] Release from Tho. Melburne to Alex. Atkinson, chaplain, Will. Gould, gentleman, John Gould, his son, Ric. Wigston and Rob. Barker of his right in a garden (as in 209) between the land late of Will. Purfrey in the tenure of Tho. Palet and that late of Ric. Preston in the tenure of Tho. Palet on the West, and the King's highway called Torchemere near the cross there on the East, and stretching from a lane called Idyll lane on the South in St Peter's parish to a lane called St Michael lane in the parish of St Michael on the North, which garden he had together with Rob. Broune, still living, and Ric. Gyllot and Tho. Sachs, chaplain, now dead, of the feoffment of Will. Wymondeswold late of Leicester and Rob Hanson, chaplain. Witnesses, John Roberdes esquire, Mayor, Roger Wigston deputy of the Mayor, Rob. Croft deputy of Peter Curteys, bailiff, Rob. Grene, Tho. Palet.

[Seal: undeciphered.]

212. V. B. No. 101. [Feb. 26, 1484.] Copy of a feoffment (English) by Will. Hygom and John Wilymot feoffees of Eliz. the wife of John Blakenall, and also the said John, Eliz., and Thomas Blakenall the son of John and Eliz., for a sum paid beforehand, for a term of years, of Sir William Diatson, Canon of the Newark, of half a "mese" in the Swinesmarket now in the tenure of Tho. Whittow, and note that John, Eliz. and Thomas are bound to the said Walter in £20. But if £9 be paid to him for all the repairs he has done, and 10*s*. be yearly paid for a tenement which John and Eliz. inhabit and hold from Sir Walter, then John, Eliz. and Thomas may re-enter on the half "mese," provided that they continue to inhabit the tenement rented from Sir Walter, till the payment above-named be fully made.

213. V. B. No. 5. [15 June, 1484.] Conveyance from John Burdet of Leicester Esq. to George Holand Esq. and Agnes his wife of all his lands, tenements, meadow, grazing land and pasture in the town and suburbs of Leicester and elsewhere in the county for the term of the donor's life. Also of all his goods and chattels within the realm of England, to George and Agnes for ever; with a release of rights in the same. Witnesses, John Roberts, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Roger and John Wigston, Will. Holbech, John Reynold, Rob. Grene.

214. V. B. No. 102. [Oct. 20, 1484.] Grant from Margaret Furneys daughter of Ralph Furneys to John Reynold of Belgrave of two cottages lying in "Galowtregate" in the East suburb between the messuage of the said John Reynold on the South and that of

Tho. Davy on the North. Witnesses, Rob. Croft, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, John Roberts Esq., John Wigston, Tho. Davy.

215. Box H, No. 394. [Feb. 4, 1485.] Release from John Frisley, burgess, to Roger Wigston, merchant, Will. Holbeche, John Wigston, merchant, John Roberdes, draper, and John Wyllimot, burgess, of his right in the lands in the town and fields of Leicester which he had of late, together with Roger Wigston (and those named above) and Rob. Sherringham, deceased, of the gift of Peter Wynwode and Tho. Totheby (see 193). Witnesses, Rob. Croft, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, John Reynold, Robert Grene, John Albon, Tho. Pallet, Tho. Swyke.

216. Box H, No. 395. [March 20, 1485.] Counterpart lease from Tho. Melbourne to John Kirkby of his lands in the fields of Leicester, which Robert Sherringham lately held at farm from Tho. Melbourne; for 10 years; 9*s.* 6*d.* rent. Witnesses, Rob. Croft, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Tho. Touthby, John Penny, Tho. Davy.

217. Box H, No. 396. [Feb. 1, 1486.] Release from Edmund Payn, clerk, to Emmota Walton, widow, of his right in a messuage and garden near the North Bridge between the messuage of the said Emmota on the South and the common water of the town on the North. Witnesses, Tho. Pulteney Esq., John Roberds Esq., Walter Lyell.

[Seal: a T.]

218. Box H, No. 397. [Feb. 8, 1486.] Conveyance from Will. Goulde, Rob. Grene, gents., Tho. Coke, sergeant, and John Stapulford, weaver, to the same of a messuage (as above) between the donors' messuage on the South and the common water of the town on the North, in length 41¾ perches and in width 13 perches, which they have of the feoffment of the said Emmota. Attorneys appointed to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, Roger Wigston, Will. Holbeche, Rob. Croft.

[Four seals:

(1) and (2) undeciphered.

(3) on a floral device of 8 points, 6 pellets.

(4) on a shield borne by an angel, a Catherine wheel: all within a roped border. 18 × 14 mm.]

219. Box H, No. 399. [Feb. 10, 1486.] Conveyance from Emmota Walton, widow, to John Roberdes Esq., Will. Goulde, gent., Tho. Hampton, yeoman, John Stapulford, weaver, and Will. Blakewell, slater, of a messuage and garden (as in 218). Attorney appointed to deliver seisin. Witnesses as above.

220. Box H, No. 398. [Same date.] Indenture (English) witnessing that albeit Emmota Walton gave the above-named feoffees a "mese" and garden (as above) under condition that the said Will. Blakewell should find her for her life "mete and drink, fyre and flet[1] competently, that is to sey at his bord, and for to fayre as he and his wyf fayres daily and a chambre within theym and for to yef her also a competent kyrtill cloth whan she shall goodly call vpon ye said Will....and if she happen to be seke at eny tyme than the said Will.... to kepe her with mete and drink and othre þinges necessary at his propre costs," yet nevertheless the said feoffees grant that if this covenant be not kept, then the said feoffment made to them shall be void. Provided that if the said Emmota, wilfully or in anger or without reasonable cause, depart and go away from the finding of the said Will. and so it be proved to the feoffees or the more part of them, then the feoffees may have the "mese and gardyn" until 5 marks be paid to the said Will. for every year that she was at his finding. Witnesses, Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Peres Curteys, bailiff, Roger Wigston.

[Seal: a merchant's mark.]

221. Box H, No. 400. [May 19, 1486.] Feoffment from the feoffees above-named to Emmota Walton of the messuage and garden (as above). Attorney appointed to deliver seisin. Witnesses (as above), and Will. Holbeche, Rob. Croft.

[Five Seals: (1) undeciphered. (2) ? a wyvern to left. (3) Copy of 218 (4). (4) a quatrefoil in a circle. (5) undeciphered.]

222. Box H, No. 401. [May 20, 1486.] Conveyance from Emmota Walton, widow, to John Bishop, vicar of Scraptoft, Will. Ringold, Tho. Burgeys and Agnes his wife of the messuage and garden (as above). Attorney appointed to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Peter Curteys, bailiff, John Rober[d]s, Rog. Wigston, Rob. Croft.

[Seal: same as 221 (2).]

223. Box H, No. 402. [May 24, 1486.] Counterpart lease from the Mayor and community to Henry Ainsworth, defaced and illegible.

224. Box H, No. 403. [May 27, 1486.] Grant from John Marsh, dyester, Tho. Marsh, John Marsh, brothers of John Marsh, dyester, and John Smithson, plumber, to Tho. Swyke, Mayor, and to the community, of a yearly rent of 4*s*. from two messuages outside the North Gate in the street called Northgate between the tenement of John Smith of Switheland on the North and that of the Abbot and

[1] house-room.

Convent of St Mary de Pratis on the South, and stretching from the King's highway to the land of the said Abbot and Convent on the West. Witnesses, Roger Wigston, John Roberds, Tho. Totheby, Rob. Croft, Tho. Pallet, John Reynold junior, and Rog. Tryg.

225. Box H, No. 404. [Sep. 22, 1486.] Feoffment by John Gaddesby, saddler, of John Keling, clerk, Tho. Kybell, sergeant-at-law, Christopher Neel, John Butteler, clerk, Tho. Swyke, draper, Tho. Davy, mercer, Tho. Glynne, chaplain, and Rob. Schepay, of all his lands, rents, etc. in the town and suburbs and his lands and tenements, with meadows, pastures and grazing grounds in the "town" and fields of Ibstock. Witnesses, Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Peter Curteis, bailiff, Roger Wigston, John Roberts, Will. Holbeche.

226. Box H, No. 405. [Same date.] Release from John Keling, clerk, to John Gaddesby, saddler, of his right in the lands (as above), which he had together with the late Will. Grantham of Leicester, draper, and others of the feoffment of Tho. Gaddesby, saddler. Same witnesses.

227. Hall Book, p. 250. [Nov. 3, 1487.] Note that Randle Berington and Agnes Saxe late the wife of Ric. Saxe, having agreed to the arbitration of John Roberts Esq., Tho. Tow[t]hby, John May and Will. Burdet, and award made as recorded in two little bills, and sureties found, the said Randle required the said Mayor that it should be entered into the book "that longs vnto the mayralte." (English.) (See above, p. 314.)

228. H. B. p. 32. [Dec. 22, 1488.] Note (English) of the election of Fet. Curteys and Rog. Wigston as burgesses of parliament, to begin Jan. 13, 1489.

229. V. B. No. 4. [June 21, 1489.] Award (English) on the trespass done to Tho. Swyke, draper, by Will. Betson, son of Rob. Betson of Aston, Co. Derby, of John Man, mercer, Tho. Whittow, John Crocok, and John Packington, at the instance of George Earl of Shrewsbury and Edward lord Hastings, who bound them over to keep the peace. This enrolment made at the request of Will. and Rob. Betson by Tho. Davy, Mayor, who caused his clerk to make this entry with the copy of a bill upon the other side sent to the said Thomas.

230. V. B. No. 7. (On the opposite side of the page.) Maister Swyke, I recommaund me vnto you etc. Syr, it is so that ye haue ii of your seruauntes þat bee boys in your hous that be purposed to robbe yov of all your money, for thei desired oon of my lordes

horskepers to be of counseill with theym. And if ye make theym sure I woll shewe more at my commyng. Ihesu kepe you Amen.

To Maister Thomas Swyke of Leycester.

231. Box B, No. 408. [July 9, 1489.] Letters exemplificatory of Henry VII recording that among the pleas enrolled at Westminster before Rob. Danby, Justice, 49 Hen. VI, the year of his recovery of royal power, in Hilary term Roll 94 is the following. *Leicestershire* ¶ Tho. Newton by Will. Halywell his attorney claimed against Rob. S[t]aunton, Will. Hoton, Edm. and Will. Hesilrig, a messuage and a virgate and a half in Norton by Galby (King's Norton) of which they unjustly disseised him. They could not deny, etc. In the same year and same term and same roll the same claims against the same two messuages and three virgates in the same place and they could not deny, etc.

[Perfect seal of Court of Common Pleas; as figured in the British Museum Catalogue of Seals No. 895.]

232. V. B. Nos. 6, 7. [Mar. 2, 1489.] Note of a lease from George Holland Esq. and Agnes his wife to Thomas Holland their son for the term of their lives of all their lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, leys, set and lying in the "town" of Rearsby and the fields of the same; rent £3 a year; as appears in a bond for £40 from the said George to perform the said covenant.

233. Box H, Nos. 409 and 411. [Jan. 20, 1492.] Letter of attorney from Henry Gaddesby to Tho. Hampton and Nic. Mason to deliver seisin to John Danet Esq., John Wodford, Rob. Orton, Edw. Cheseman, gents., John Gaddesby and Johanna his wife in a cottage and a mill[1], a messuage and a garden in Leicester.

234. Box H, No. 410. [Same date.] Conveyance of the same (defaced).

235. H. B. p. 251. [Feb. 28, 1492.] Acknowledgement of debt from Rob. Roper of Belgravegate to Tho. Terry and John Elys of Swineshead.

236. Ib. [Ap. 28, 1492.] Note of the sale of two tenements in Belgravegate by Will. Harrison to John Penny.

237. Box H, No. 412. [July 1, 1493.] Conveyance from Tho. Burges draper to Tho. Burges his son of a messuage in the Northgate near the Great Bridge, between the water of Soar on the North and the tenement of the Dean and Chapter of the College of the Blessed Mary of the Newark on the South. Attorney appointed to

[1] In 234 described as a horse-mill.

deliver seisin. Witnesses, Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Rob. Croft, Will. Rowlat.

[Seal: see facsimile.]

238. H. B. p. 248. [Sep. 28, 1493.] Note that John Whitwell and Will. Rat having agreed to arbitration, John Whitwell was ordered to pay, but on the mediation of Tho. Swyke, Mayor, Rob Croft and Roger Wigston, Will. Rat accepted a reduction. (English.)

239. Box H, No. 414. [Jan. 2, 1494.] Bond in £40 from John North, alias John Stranger of Henton, Co. Berks, chapman, alias Chandler to John Toller to pay £14.

240. Box B, No. 415. [Jan. 27, 1494.] Letters patent from Henry VII granting a pardon to Laur. Dawson, "cordyner," alias Laur. Dawson, shoemaker, alias Laur. Dawson, yeoman, or by whatever other name he may be called. (Enrolled among the King's pleas, Trinity term, 10 Hen. VII.)

[Great seal, brown wax, imperfect.]

241. V. B. No. 8. [Oct. 29, 1494.] Copy of a conveyance from Robert Danet Esq. to Tho. Chapman of Leicester, clerk, and Will. Bailly of the same, of two messuages lying together in the high street, between the messuage of Gerard Danet Esq. on the South and of the Abbot and Convent of Merevale, John Denton Esq. and the Gild of Corpus Christi on the North, and stretching from the King's highway towards the East, to the land of the said Gerard towards the West, which messuages contain in breadth towards the King's highway 27 feet and at their end 23 feet, and in length 82 feet by standard. The donor had them lately of the feoffment of Ric. Danet his father now dead. The donor appoints as his attorneys John Boteler, clerk, of Leicester and Walter Mey to deliver seisin. Witnesses, Tho. Hurste, Mayor, Rob. Croft, Will. Rowlet, John Hedlyng, Rob. Knolles, chamberlains.

242. V. B. No. 9. [Same date.] Bond for £20 from Rob. Danet, late of London Esq., to Will. Bailly of Leicester.

V. B. No. 10. The debt will be annulled if William and Thomas Chapman, clerk, receive the two messuages, as above.

243. V. B. No. 11. [Nov. 1, 1494.] Release from Gerard Danet armiger to Thomas Chapman of Leicester and Will. Bailly of his right in the two messuages (above).

244. V. B. No. 12. [Jan. 9, 1495.] Bond for 5 marks from Gerard Danet late of Bromkinsthorpe to Will Bailly.

V. B. No. 13. The debt will be annulled if William receives the two messuages.

245. Box H, No. 416. [Aug. 12, 1495.] Counterpart lease (English) from Tho. Whittowe "oon of ye comburgessez" to Sir Alex. Atkinson, chaplain, of a garden in St Michael's parish between the ground late of Saint John's of Leicester on the East and the King's highway on the North, West and South; for 21 years; 2*s.* rent, and 4*d.* to the King yearly for the chief rent. Distraining clause. Lessee to repair the enclosure (closour); the lessee may not "fell nor take up by the rotys eny of the LXXXVIII ashes and two aspes[1] growing in the hegges, but may crop and lop[2] the said treez."

246. Box H, No. 417. [June 11, 1496.] Counterpart lease (English) from the above lessee to Will. Shaw of the same garden for 20 years for the same rent, under the same conditions.

247. Box H, No. 418. [March 3, 1497.] General release from Rob. Shepay of Belgrave to John Gaddesby and Johanna his wife of all actions real and personal.

[Seal: a W.]

248. V. B. No. 105. [1498—9.] Robard Burbage of Ratclyffe toke hys backe[3] the XIIII yere of Kyng Henri the VIIth that tyme beyng Mayre, Mr Wygston the senior, and he to haue yt for LXI yeris and the XXIII yere of Kyng Henri the VIII^t^ yt was sene afore Nicholas Reynolde then beyng Mayre of Leycetir.

249. H. B. p. 10. [? 1498.] Be it had in mynde þat Tho. Wygston of Belgraue promised afore Master Will. Wygston elder, Maier of the toun of Leycestre, þat Ric. Eyre shuld haue a grownd of hys behynd Rob. Sapcote house so that he wold gyff as muche for it as it hathe goon afore; and iff it so fortune þat the foresaid Thomas and Ric. Eyre can not agre betwene them selffe, þat then the forsaid Thomas hathe promised to abyde all suche [a]ward & end as Master Keblen and Master Roger Wygston shall make betwene the seid Thomas and Ric. Eyre. Moreouer the said Thomas promised also þat the said Richard Eyre shuld say nay with the fore sayd grownde or eny other maner sayd ȝee withall.

250. Box H, Nos. 420, 421. [Aug. 6, 1498.] Grant from Will. Melburn of Abingdon to Rob. Bolton and John Barton of 19½ acres of arable in the South Field lying around the windmill there. (In 420 an attorney appointed to deliver seisin.) Witnesses, Will. Gibson, Mayor, Rob. Orton, bailiff, Ric. Gillot, Will. Frisley and John Edlyn.

251. H. B. p. 246. [Sep. 27, 1498.] Receipt from Roger Peirsall

[1] Or aspens. [2] As was largely done for firewood.
[3] His backside = garden or yard.

and Cicely his wife, late the wife of Rob. Johnson, shoemaker, to Rob. Johnson of "Firminston" co. Leicester, tailor. (English.)

252. H. B. p. 246. [Nov. 11, 1498.] Receipt from Ric. Louth of Leicester, goldsmith, to Will. Hodgekyn of Slawston co. Leicester, husbandman, for rent.

253. H. B. p. 220. [? 1499.] Letter of attorney from Robert Croft of Leicester to Ralph Leamington of Loughborough merchant of the Staple of Calais[1] to levy his debts from the executors of John Croft late merchant of the Staple of Calais. "And because my seal is unknown to many the seal of the office of the mayoralty is appended."

254. H. B. p. 221. [May 13, 1499.] Bond of Ric. Eliot, barber, Hugh Cowper, "hosteler," Ric. Benet, cooper, Will. Maudby, fisher, for payment of 20*s.* to John Abree of Beston for the debt of Ric. Inkersall, fisher. Witness, Tho. Coldale, clerk to the Mayor, and another. (English.)

255. H. B. p. 222. [? Same date.] Acknowledgement from Will. Hokyns that Thomas Cottenton has agreed with the said Will. and his wife for a certain sum of money to leave to him and his heirs for ever their part of a tenement in the Applegate, sometime Ric. King's, father of William's wife; and William has released his right. (English.)

256. H. B. p. 225. [? 1499.] Recognizance of debt from Rob. Lynde to John Wodford and the vicar of Ashby. (Others on p. 228.)

257. V. B. No. 103. [Sep. 7, 1500.] Fine made in the King's court of Portmoot before Will. Wigston junior, Mayor, Roger Wigston, Peter Curteys, Rob. Croft, Roger Trig, Will. Gibson, Ric. Gillot and Oliver Norris burgesses and other faithful men of the lord King, between John Whatton plaintiff and John Pekerell and Agnes his wife deforciants, of a messuage lying between the messuage of Andrew Langton on the West, and that of John Pekerell on the East, and towards the king's highway on the South and towards John Warner's messuage on the North, and 3 cottages lying between John Warner's messuage on the North, and John Pickerell's on the South, and abutting on the king's highway on the East, and on the said messuage on the West. John Whatton paid for the recognition £20. 10*s.*

258. H. B. p. 42. [? 1500.] Note of warrants against Will. Clerk surety of John Marshall, directed to Rob. Orton, bailly, by Master Will. Wigston junior, Mayor.

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[1] Cf. *Cely Papers*, Camden Society, pp. 148—9, 193.

Ib. Formula of a warrant noted.

Note of debt from collectors of the fifteenth, "wherof allowed to þem for benches which voyded the town of cost" (deleted).

259. H. B. p. 43. Promise to deliver three dozen sheep-fells made before Master Mayor.

260. H. B. p. 41. [? 1500.] Will. Gibson, Mayor, and Rob. Orton, bailiff, ordered to attach Tho. Grene, husbandman (deleted).

Pledge found for John Merston, for a fray.

261. H. B. p. 240. [July 14, 1501.] Ralfe Gyell, "haburdassher," before Will. Gibson, Mayor, and Will. Rowlot J.P., found mainpernors.

262. H. B. p. 241. [Ap. 9, 1501.] Will. Welles similarly (and others, pp. 242—6, 248—9, 252).

263. H. B. p. 246. [Undated.] Agreement to the arbitration of Rob. Wall, Rob. Molens, Will. Fewkys and Laur. Dawson by John Kirkby in his dispute with Peter Hosteler, serjeant, and John Cromale. (English.)

264. H. B. p. 45. [Aug. 13, 1501.] Before Master William Gybson, Mayor, surety for Will. Harrison was entered for a certain sum, on condition that "the stuffe in the kepe of the seyd Will. Harrison stand areestyd."

265. V. B. No. 14. [Mar. 15, 1502.] Conveyance from Walter Diotson, clerk and canon of the Collegiate Church of the Newark, Leicester, to Master John Edmondes and John Frost, clerks, Tho. Jakes[1] and Will. Smyth, gents., of all his lands and tenements, meadow, grazing-land and pasture, rents and services in the towns and fields of Leicester, Belgrave, Kirkby Mallory and Hinckley or elsewhere in the county of Leicester, together with Cransley in Northants. Attorneys appointed.

266. Box H, No. 423. [Nov. 10, 1503.] Feoffment by Ric. Reynold and Tho. Villers feoffees of Rob. Knolles, of Alex. Quadryng Esq. and Ric. Eyr gent. of 4 tenements with a barn lying together in St Nicholas' parish between the croft of Rob. Croft on the West and the tenement of Peter Curteys on the East. The feoffees hold on condition that if Rob. Knolles pays John Vere, Earl of Oxford, all the rents which the said Robert receives from the Earl's tenants of his demesne of Wigston, so that he is exonerated, then the feoffees shall be enfeoffed to the use of Robert, and if not, then to the use of the said Earl, saving a rent to the said Ric. Reynold

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[1] Recorder.

of 4 capons. Witnesses, John Nores, Mayor, Rob. Orton, bailiff of the liberty, Walter Lisle and Tho. Coldale.

267. H. B. p. 74. [June 13, 1504.] Bond from Will. Chamber son and heir of Ric. Chamber deceased before John Norris, Mayor, to appear to answer Will. Brown mercer in a trial for breach of covenant. Witnesses, Sir Will. Whatton, vicar of All Saints, and others named.

268. H. B. p. 84. [Sep. 21, 1504.] John Reed promises to pay 5 marks to redeem himself for ever from occupying the chamberlainship.

269. Locked Book, p. 19. [Nov. 21, 1505.] Feoffment from Charles Vyllars gent. to Ric. Reynold, Ric. Gillot, Tho. Cotton, Will. Bolt, James Pyman, Geoff. Day, John Pyman, of a messuage and two cottages in Swinesmarket, between the tenement of Rob. Croft and that of the College of St Mary, stretching from the Swinesmarket to a lane called Church Lane, for the use of John Pyman. Attorneys appointed. Witnesses, Will. Wall, John Chamberlyn, Will. Gillot, Will. Ralley, Laur. Greves, Tho. Frend, Ric. Harford.

270. H. B. p. 10. [July 9, 1506.] Award (English) of Walter May, Tho. Smith keeper of the Frith, and Edw. Alsope serjeant, arbitrators between Tho. Phelip of Leicester, butcher, and John Frere and John Clerke, butchers. The parties are, before Ric. Reynold, Mayor, to release each to other all the sureties required, and agree to be as lovers and friends under bonds of £20 each. If forfeited £10 of this sum shall "grow" to the king, £10 to the town.

271. H. B. p. 92. [July 8, 1507.] Award (English) of Walter Mey, Miles Lamberd, Ric. Beston and — Chattok between John Whatton executor of the will of Sir Will. Whatton late vicar of All Hallows, and John Welsh and Margaret his wife, late wife of John Norris, concerning certain money and plate that the said Sir Will. had in the keeping of John Norris to the finding of a priest as was alleged. John Whatton agrees to pay John and Margaret £3.

272. H. B. p. 92. [Dec. 20, 1507.] Release from Tho. Gardiner before John Wayzs to Walter Mey of his right in his lands in the town of Leicester.

273. H. B. p. 95. [Feb. 14, 1508.] Note of an award made between Tho. Newcome and Tho. Baker before Walter Mey, Mayor (English).

274. H. B. p. 98. [June 22, 1508.] Release from Rob. Green son of the late Tho. Green of Leicester in the open Court of Portmoot to Walter Mey of his right in the lands of his late father in the town and fields of Leicester and Bruntingthorpe.

275. Box H, No. 424. [July 12, 1508.] Copy of a lease (English) from Anna Bek of Edmonton (Edelmeton), co. Middlesex, widow, to Tho. Hasard of Sutton, co. Leicester, of the site of the manor of Sutton with housing, lands, "eerables," meadows, closes and pastures, as the late Tho. Hickson held them; for 50 years; rent 7 marks. And whereas the parson of Kirkby holds a certain close and land called Kyrkbyforde paying the said Anna 26*s.* 8*d.* a year, Thomas shall have this also for the old rent. The said Thomas shall be a good and diligent supervisor of the lordship and keep up the profit from waifs, strays, escheats, and forfeits. Copied by John Leeke.

276. H. B. p. 98. [Aug. 9, 1508.] Bond for Will. Burges to appear before the Mayor and his fellows, Justices of the Peace, and to keep the peace towards Walter Mey the Mayor and Walter Reynold and his wife.

277. H. B. p. 98. [Aug. 14, 1508.] Bail from John Chamberlain, fishmonger, Will. Wollaston, butcher, for Mr Will. Burges, carpenter.

LIST OF MAYORS, CHAMBERLAINS, ETC.

1327—1509.

The list is compiled from the records. The names of Mayors for the years not represented in the above records are taken from a MS. list of Mayors (Box 9, No. 210) and are italicised. The term of office was from Sep. 29 in one year to Sep. 29 in the following.

Mayors.

1327—8	John Alsy
1328—9	Rob. Stretton
1329—30	,, ,,
1330—1	Hen. Merlyng
1331—2	,, ,,
1332—3	John Marewe
1333—4	,, ,,
1334—5	John Martyn
1335—6	John Leverich
1336—7	Will. Wareyn
1337—8	John Alsy
1338—9	Will. de Cloune[1]
1339—40	John Martin
1340—1	Geoff. de Kent
1341—2	,, ,,
1342—3	,, ,,
1343—4	Ric. Leverich
1344—5	John Martyn
1345—6	Ric. Leverich
1346—7	John Wainhouse alias Cook, alias Hayward, alias Receiver
1347—8	Idem
1348—9	,,
1349—50	Geoff. de Kent
1350—1	,, ,,
1351—2	Will. le Goldsmith
1352—3	,, ,,
1353—4	Rog. de Knightcote
1354—5	Geoff. de Kent
1355—6	John de Peatling
1356—7	*Rog. Knightcote*
1357—8	Will. de Dunstable
1358—9	*Will. de Dunstable*
1359—60	Will. de Dunstable
1360—1	John Cook alias Receiver
1361—2	,, ,, ,, ,,
1362—3	Tho. de Beeby
1363—4	*Will. Tubbe*
1364—5	Rog. de Belgrave
1365—6	Walt. de Lindrick
1366—7	Will. de Syston
1367—8	John de Stafford
1368—9	Tho. de Beeby
1369—70	John Cook[1]
1370—1	John de Stafford
1371—2	,, ,,
1372—3	Will. o' the Green
1373—4	Hen. de Clipston
1374—5	Hen. Peatling
1375—6	Will Ferour
1376—7	Will. Tailleart
1377—8	Will. Ferour
1378—9	,, ,,
1379—80	Hen. de Clipston
1380—1	*Ric. Gamston*
1381—2	*Joh. Stafford*
1382—3	*Ric. Knightcote*
1383—4	*Ric. Gamston*
1384—5	Will. Ferour

[1] At the same time bailiff.

1385—6 *Hen. Beeby*
1386—7 „ „
1387—8 *Ric. de Braunston*
1388—9 „ „
1389—90 *Hen. Clipston*
1390—1 *Will. de Humberston*[1]
1391—2 Geoff. Clerk alias Okeham
1392—3 *Ric. Gamston*
1393—4 Tho. Wakefield
1394—5 *Hen. Beeby*
1395—6 Tho. o' the Leas
1396—7 John Houghton
1397—8 *Rad. Fisher*
1398—9 Rog. de Humberston
1399—1400 *Will. Spenser*
1400—1 John Loveday
1401—2 Peter Barewell
1402—3 John London
1403—4 John Church
1404—5 *Ric. Falconer*
1405—6 *Tho. Wakefield*
1406—7 *Rad. Humberston*
1407—8 *John Gresley*
1408—9 *John Church*
1409—10 Tho. o' the Leas
1410—1 *Rog. Humberston*
1411—2 Tho. Walgrave
1412—3 Rob. Randolph
1413—4 Rob. Evington
1414—5 Rad. Humberstone
1415—6 Tho. Seburgh
1416—7 John Arnesby
1417—8 Hen. Derby
1418—9 Will. Pacy
1419—20 Tho. Walgrave
1420—1 Tho. Clerk
1421—2 *Rad. Humberston*
1422—3 John Church
1423—4 Hen. Foster
1424—5 Hen. Derby
1425—6 Will. Newby
1426—7 *John Pickwell*
1427—8 Will. Asty or Skinner
1428—9 *Will. Pacey*
1429—30 *Rad. Humberston*
1430—1 *Tho. Walgrave*
1431—2 *John Loughborough*
1432—2 Tho. Clerk
1433—4 Will. Newby
1434—5 John Reynold senior
1435—6 *Ad. Racey*
1436—7 Walt. Pouney
1437—8 *Will. Asty*
1438—9 John Coventry
1439—40 *John Reynold*
1440—1 Ad. Racey
1441—2 Tho. Charyte
1442—3 Will. Wimeswold
1443—4 Will. Grantham
1444—5 Will. Newby
1445—6 *Tho. Green*
1446—7 John Benet
1447—8 *Rad. Furnes*
1448—9 Will. Wigston
1449—50 Will. Braunston
1450—1 John Reynold
1451—2 Will. Clarke
1452—3 Will. Wimeswold
1453—4 Tho. Charyte
1454—5 Will. Dalton jun.
1455—6 „ „
1456—7 „ „
1457—8 Tho. Grene draper
1458—9 John Reynold senior
1459—60 Will. Wigston
1460—1 Rob. Sheringham
1461—2 Rob. Rawlot
1462—3 John Yeoman
1463—4 John Reynold[2]
1464—5 *Will. Holbech*
1465—6 Rog. Wigston
1466—7 John Frisley
1467—8 Ric. Gillot
1468—9 Ric. Yates
1469—70 John Wigston
1470—1 Rob. Sherringham
1471—2 Rog. Wigston
1472—3 John Parsons
1473—4 Rob. Rawlot
1474—5 John Roberdes
1475—6 Will. Holbeche
1476—7 Peers Winwood
1477—8[3] John Reynold
1478—9 Tho. Touthby

[1] According to the conveyance No. 87, Geoff. Clerk, but there may be a mistake in the date.

[2] Called Yeoman in Ed. IV.'s charter 1464. See p. 280.

[3] The following elections on St Matthew's day, Sep. 21.

1479—80	John Parsons
1480—1	John Wigston
1481—2	John Penny
1482—3	Peter Curtes
1483—4	John Roberdes
1484—5	Rob. Croft
1485[1]—6	Tho. Swyke
1486—7	Tho. Palet
1487—8	Rog. Wigston
1488—9	Tho. Davy
1489—90	„ „ [2]
1490—1	Rog. Trig
1491—2	Will. Gibson
1492—3	Tho. Swyke
1493—4	Rob. Croft
1494—5	Tho. Hurst
1495—6	And. Langton
1496—7	Will. Rawlot
1497—8	Ric. Gillot
1498—9	Will. Wigston
1499—1500	Will. Wigston jun.
1500—1	Will. Gibson
1501—2	Rog. Trig
1502—3	Will. Fresley
1503—4	John Norrys
1504—5	Rob. Orton
1505—6	Ric. Reynolds
1506—7	John Wayse
1507—8	Walt. Mey
1508—9	Miles Lambert

Chamberlains.

1334—5	Will. Wakefield
1376—7	Ric. Martin Ric. de Gamston
1377—8	Tho. Wakefield Nic. Glover
1378—9	Rog. Spurrier John Spurrier
1379—80	Ric. Braunston Rob. Anstey
1391—2	John Barbour Rob. Galmington
1441—2	Pet. Launder Will. Chaloner
1448—9	Joh. Moke Will. Hynde
1452—3	Ric. Barlow Rob. Milner
1459—60	Rog. Wigston John Robard
1461—2	John Glover Tho. Frisby
1467—8	Tho. Palet Joh. Penny
1472—3	Tho. Hurst Rob. Croft
1474—5	Tho. Phelip Martin Coleyns
1476—7	Ric. Ardington John Gouldson
1477—8[3]	Will. Chaundler Will. Pexsall
1478—9	Joh. Swan Rog. Trig
1479—80	Tho. Daly Tho. Hervy
1480—1	Tho. Henstok Ric. King
1481—2	Will. Giles Will. Rawlot
1482—3	Rob. Stephens And. Langton
1483—4	Tho. Burges Will. Frisley
1484—5	Rob. Capper Tho. Gillot
1485—6	Hen. Aynesworth Will. Michell
1486—7	Tho. Broughton Bart. Lyon
1487—8	Rad. Sherman Walt. May
1488—9	Rob. Bolton Will. Burdet

[1] St Matthew's Day Sept. 21 is called 3 Ric. III. in the Hall Book! [2] See p. 327.

[3] Elected on Sept. 21 the first chamberlain "for the community," the second "for the Mayor."

1490—1	Tho. Baswell Hen. Gillot
1491—2	Rob. Wall Joh. Barton
1492—3	Hugh Tomson Will. Sherringham
1493—4	John Whatton Will. Bartlot
1494—5	John Edling Rob. Knolles
1495—6	John Norres John Benchekyn
1496—7	Will. Webbe Miles Lambert
1497—8	Raulyn Giles Will. Rabley
1498—9	Ric. Beston John Pymand
1499—1500	John Sylver Rob. Hazand
1500—1	Ric. Bell Rad. Colville
1501—2	John Clement Will. Fewkys
1502—3	John Hawes Will. Broun
1503—4	John Martyn Rob. Bewpas[1] Will. Broun
1504—5	Will. Mellers Will. Burges
1505—6	Tho. Hewet Will. Sharp
1506—7	Hen. Tomson Ed. Chamberlen
1507—8	Ric. Blount Will. Wright
1508—9	Will. Best Ric. Morgayn

Bailiffs.

1327—9	Rob. Clerk
1330—43	Will. de Cloune
1343—50	Gilb. l'Avener
1352—61	Tho. del Grove
1362	Phil. de Tynemouth
1366—75	John Cook
1375—6	Ric. de Knighton Will. Thornton
1376—7	Will. Humberston Will. Lubbesthorp
1377—8	Rob. Hornington John Prentys
1378—9	Ric. Gamston Rad. Fisher
1379—80	John Norman Ric. Martin
1384—5	John Peterborough John Fleckney
1392—1403	Will. Bispham
1408	Tho. Seburgh Tho. Whetacre
1409—10	John Copyn
1413—14	John Church Hen. Foster
1415—22	Hen. Foster
1422—4	Hen. Walter Ric. Baldock
1424—5	John Pykewell John Reynold
1425—6	John Reynold John Empingham
1427—8	Tho. Whittington Adam Racy
1428—9	John Loughborough John Giles
1432—3	Tho. Charity John Benet

[1] died in office.

Bailiffs.		*Deputies.*
1434—7	Ric. Mawfeld	John Benet
1439—41	John Norris	Tho. Hewet John Benet
1441—2	Ric. Hotoft	John Reynold
1442—3	Tho. Mering	Alex. Vilers
1443—5	Tho. Mering Ric. Hotoft	Alex. Vilers Will. Braunston
1450—1	Ric. Hotoft	Will. Hynde
1451—61	Ric. Hotoft	
1461—?1498	Peter Curtes	1461—2 John Roberds Tho. Drake
1498—	Rob. Orton	

Serjeants.		*Clerks.*	
1332—1346	John de Hodinges	1330	Stephen
1355	John de Bushby	1333—41	Rob. de Foston
1361	John de Sleaford	1345	Will. de Dore

Earl's Stewards, Vols. I. and II.

1255	Ric. de Haveringes	1346	John de Frelond
1281	Tho. de Bray	1353	John de Knighton
1306—11	Elias de Stapleton	1361	Rob. de Arnesby
1311—22	Ric. le Foun	1376	Tho. de Hungerford
1323	Joh. de Hunton	1379	Will. de Burgh
1323—4	Rog. Laurence	1392	Tho. Walsh
1327	Rob. de Gaddesby	1399	John Cockayne
	Hen. de Hanbury	1422	Rob. Babthorp
1333	Hugh de Harborough	1458	John Viscount Beaumont
1340—1	Simon Pakeman		

Coroners.

1327	Peter de Kent	1480—1	Ric. Preston John Penny
—1343	Ric. Leverich Will. Wareyn	1481—2	Ric. Preston Tho. Palet
1343—	Will. Goldsmith Will. Dunstable	1482—3	Tho. Touthby Tho. Palet
1477—8[1]	John Willymote Tho. Palet	1483—4	Tho. Touthby Rob. Green
1478—9	Ric. Preston John Dawes	1484—5	John Willymot Tho. Phelip
1479—80	Ric. Preston John Penny		

[1] Elected by the Mayor and his Brethren.

1485—6	Tho Hurst Tho. Phelip
1486—7	Tho. Hurst Tho. Phelip
1487—8	Tho. Hurst Tho. Phelip
1488—9	Tho. Phelip Will. Pekeshall
1489—90	Will. Pekeshall Rob. Grene
1490—1	Will. Pekeshall Mr W. Gybson
1491—2	Will. Pekeshall Ric. Gillot
1492—3	Tho. Hurst Ric. Gillot
1493—4[1]	Tho. Hurst Tho. Whyttower
1494—5	Will. Hill
1495—6	Will. Frisley
1496—7	Will. Michell
1497—8	Ric. Eyre
1498—9	John Norres
1499—1500	Ric. Reynold
1500—1	Walt. May
1501—2	Miles Lambert
1502—3	John Wase
1503—4	Tho. Burton
1504—5	Tho. Coton
1505—6	Joh. Whatton
1506—7	Ric. Beston
1507—8	Tho. Smith
1508—9	Will. Bartlott

Custodes Pacis[2].

1477—8	John Reynold sen. Mayor Pet. Wynwode Will. Holbeche John Parsons John Roberdes
1478—9	Tho. Touthby, Mayor John Reynolde Will. Holbeche John Parsons John Roberdes
1479—80	John Parsons, Mayor Tho. Touthby John Reynolde Will. Holbeche Pet. Wynwode
1480—1	John Wigston, Mayor John Parsons Tho. Touthby John Reynold Will. Holbeche
1481—2	Joh. Penny, Mayor John Wigston John Parsons Tho. Touthby John Reynold
1482—3	Peter Curteys, Mayor John Penny John Wigston John Parsons Tho. Touthby
1483—4	John Roberdes, Mayor Pet. Curteys Rog. Wigston John Wigston Will. Holbeche
1484—5	Rob. Croft, Mayor John Roberdes, armiger John Penny Rog. Wigston Will. Holbeche etc. etc.[3]

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[1] From this point it has become a rule for each coroner to hold office for two years, in such a way that each year there is a new and an old coroner. In the above list the new coroners' names alone are printed.

[2] Elected by the Mayor and his Brethren on Sept. 21.

[3] The Justices of the Peace were as a rule the Mayor and his four predecessors in office. After 1500 the name of Tho. Jakes, the Recorder, is regularly added after that of the Mayor.

Stewards of the Fair.

1446—7	John Benet, Mayor Will. Wymeswold Will. Wigston John Reynold, sen.
1448—9	Will. Wigston, Mayor Tho. Grene, draper John Reynold, senior Rad. Fisher
1449—50	Will. Braunston, Mayor Will. Grantham Adam Racy Tho. Grene, tapicer
1450—1	John Reynold, Mayor John Benet Tho. Charity Tho. Grene, draper
1451—2	Will. Clarke, Mayor Will. Wigston Tho. Dalton, jun. Ric. Yates
1452—3	Will. Wymeswold, Mayor John Benet Will. Braunston Rad. Fisher
1453—4	Tho. Charity, Mayor John Benet Tho. Grene, draper Will. Waldegrave

Elleccion of the Stewardys off the Faire[1] chosyn furst on for the newe Maire and the secunde...be the old Maire and the thurde for the commons[2].

1477—8	Rob. Sherringham Will. Holbeche John Roberdes
1478—9	Rob. Sherringham John Roberdes Ric. Preston
1479—80	John Roberdes Rob. Sherringham John Peny
1480—1	Ric. Preston Will. Holbeche Rob. Sherringham
1481—2	John Reynolde John Roberdes Will. Holbeche
1482—3	John Roberdes Will. Holbeche John Wigston
1483—4	John Wigston Will. Holbeche John Reynold
1484—5	Tho. Palet Pet. Wynwode Tho. Touthby
1485—6	Rog. Wigston John Penny Tho. Phelip
1486—7	John Roberdes Tho. Touthby John Penny
1487—8	Tho. Touthby Tho. Swyke Will. Pexsall
1488—9	John Roberdes Tho. Palet Ric. Gillot
1489—90	Rob. Croft Rog. Trig Will. Pekeshall
1490—1	John Roberdes Tho. Swyke Tho. Hurst
1491—2	Tho. Davy Rob. Croft Will. Hill
1492—3	John Roberdes Rog. Wigston Tho. Hurst

[1] Chosen on Sept. 21.

[2] This description is not in every case appended.

1493—4	Will. Gibson Ric. Gillot Will. Dalton
1494—5	Tho. Swyke Will. Rawlot Will. Frisley
1495—6	Rob. Croft Will. Hill Will. Michell
1496—7	Tho. Hurst Ric. Gillot Tho. Whyttowe[r]
1497—8	Tho. Davy Rob. Croft Will. Wigston
1498—9	Will. Gibson Tho. Hurst Ric. Eyre
1499—1500	Rob. Croft Rog. Trig Ric. Eyre
1500—1	Tho. Hurst Will. Rawlot Miles Lambert
1501—2	And. Langton Will. Frisley Tho. Burton
1502—3	Rob. Croft Will. Wigston, jun. John Norrys
1503—4	Ric. Gillot Will. Wigston, sen. Ric. Reynold
1504—5	Will. Wigston, jun. Walt. May Tho. Burton
1505—6	[omitted]
1506—7	Tho. Hurst Miles Lambert Will. Bartlott
1507—8	Ric. Reynold Ric. Beston Tho. Cotton
1508—9	John Wayse Tho. Smith John Reed

Auditors of Account[1].

East Quarter	*Swinesmarket*	*South Quarter*	*North Quarter*
1477—8			
Tho. Towithby	Will. Holbeche	Rob. Sheryngham	Rob. Grene
Nic. Bacon	Joh. Whitwell	Will. Blakwyn	Will. Rey
Ric. Clement	Joh. May, mercer	Joh. Geffre	Rob. Gere
1478—9			
Joh. Penny	Joh. Roberdes	Joh. Parsons	Rog. Wigston
Mart. Colens	Joh. Maii	Tho. Wigston	Tho. Swyke
Tho. Bourne	Tho. Hurst	Rog. Catteslyn	Tho. Bower
1479—80			
Joh. Roberdes	Will. Holbech	Joh. Wygston	Rob. Shelingham
Nic. Bacon	Will. Pekeshall	Joh. Geffrey	Rob. Gery
Ric. Clement	Tho. Whittow	Will. Blaykewyn	Joh. May
1480—1			
Tho. Touthby	Joh. Reynolde	Joh. Frysley	Rob. Grene
Tho. Burn	Tho. Hurst	Joh. Swan	Joh. May
Mart. Colyns	Ric. Ardington	Joh. Goulson	Rob. Gery
1481—2			
Joh. Roberdys	Will. Holbeche	Rog. Wygston	Joh. Willymot
Ric. Clement	Will. Pekeshall	Will. Blakewyn	Tho. Cator
Tho. Davy	John May, mercer	Joh. Geffrey	Tho. Wigston

[1] These and the searchers below are described as officers "chosen in common halls," varying in date from Sept. 29 to Dec. 6.

East Quarter	*Swinesmarket*	*South Quarter*	*North Quarter*
1482—3			
Joh. Wigston	Rog. Wigston	Joh. Frysley	Rob. Grene
Tho. Bourn	Joh. May	Joh. Swan	Rob. Gere
Tho. Davy	Tho. Philip	Tho. Wigston	Tho. Henstok
1483—4			
Joh. Peny	Will. Holbeche	Joh. Fresley	Joh. Willymott
Ric. Ardington	Tho. Goulson	Mr Will. Gibson	Rob. Gery
Tho. Davy	Tho. Cator	Joh. Geffrey	Tho. Henstok
1484—5			
Tho. Davy	Tho. Swyke	Rog. Wigston	Joh. Wygston
Tho. Burn	Will. Pekeshall	And. Langton	Tho. Henstok
Joh. May, mercer	Ric. Gelot	Will. Rowlat	Rob. Gery
1485—6			
Tho. Touthby	Tho. Hurst	Rog. Wygston	Joh. Penny
Tho. Burn	Joh. Maii	Joh. Geffrey	Tho. Henstok
Will. Pekeshall	Ric. Gelot	Will. Fresley	Tho. Whittowe
1486—7			
Joh. Penny	Joh. Roberts	Rog. Wigston	Joh. Wygston
Joh. May, mercer	Joh. Whitewell	And. Langton	Ric. King
Tho. Keytour	Tho. Burges	Joh. Swanne	Will. Chaundeler
1487—8			
Joh. Wigston	Rob. Croft	Joh. Roberds	Tho. Swyke
Tho. Burne	Ric. Ardyngton	Tho. Burges	Tho. Henstoke
Joh. May, mercer	Tho. Whyttowe	Wyll. Blakwyn	Tho. Gyllote
1488—9			
Rob. Croft	Will. Pekeshall	Will. Rowlat	Joh. Wygston
Will. Michell	Joh. May	Will. Fresley	Tho. Henstoke
Bart. Lyon	Joh. Gouleson	And. Langton	Ric. King
1489—90[1]			
Joh. Roberds	Ric. Gillot	Tho. Burn	Tho. Hampton
Tho. Palet	Tho. Whittow	Will. Bartylot	And. Langton
Will. Pekesall	Joh. May	Tho. Broughton	Will. Fresley
1490—1			
Tho. Swyke	Will. Pekeshall	Mr Will. Gibson	Will. Hill
Tho. Burn	Joh. May	And. Langton	Tho. Broughton
Will. Bartylot	Joh. Wase	Joh. Barton	Tho. Gresby
1491—2			
Tho. Davy	Tho. Swyke	Will. Peksall	John Roberdes
Bart. Lyon	John May	Tho. Hervy	Walt. May
Ric. Martyncroft	John Crocok	John Lokyer	Tho. Grysby
1492—3			
Tho. Davy	Rob. Croft	And. Langton	Ric. Gillot
Will. Michell	Hen. Gillot	Will. Frisley	Will. Mey
Will. Bertlot	Tho. Bassewell	Rob. Bolton	Joh. Leg

[1] Not divided into their quarters.

Est quarter without ye gatte	*Est quarter within ye gatte*	*South quarter*	*North quarter*
1493—4			
Ric. Gyllotte	Tho. Hyrste	Will. Frysley	Will. Rowlatte
Will. Burded	Tho. Harvy	Walt. Man	Roffe Sherman
Bart. Lyon	Joh. Crokoke	Joh. Gefferay	Hery Dawson
1494—5			
Will. Mechell	Ric. Gyllott	Will. Gybson	Tho. Swyk
Joh. Peny	Ric. Ardynton	Rob. Bolton	Tho. Harvy
Bart. Lyon	Harye Gyllott	Joh. Barton	How Thomson
1495—6			
Tho. Davy	Tho. Swyke	Rog. Wigston	Rob. Croft
Will. Burdet	Joh. Crokoke	Walt. May	Tho. Broghton
Will. Bartlot	Tho. Baswell	Joh. Chamberlene	Hen. Dawson
1496—7			
Rog. Wygston	Rob. Croft	Will. Gibson	Ric. Gyllot
Bart. Lyon	Ric. Heyor	Tho. Harvy	Wat. May
Tho. Bassewell	Ric. Renald	Joh. Barton	Hugh Thomkynson
1497—8			
Tho. Davy	Will. Wygston, jun.	Will. Frysley	Joh. Norrys
Harry Gillot	Joh. Wayse	Rob. Bolton	Ric. Reynold
Will. Bartlot	Rob. Wall	Joh. Chamberlene	Tho. Langham
1498—9			
Rog. Wygston	Rob. Croft	Will. Gybson	Rog. Tryg
Bart. Lyons	Tho. Harvy	Joh. Barton	Tho. Coton
Will. Bartlot	Tho. Bassewell	Joh. Lokeȝer	Joh. Legg
1499—1500			
Rog. Wygston	Rob. Croft	Will. Gybson	Rog. Tryg
Bart. Lyon	Tho. Harvy	Joh. Barton	Tho. Coton
Will. Bartlot	Tho. Bassewell	Joh. Lokeȝer	Joh. Legg
1500—1			
Mr Burton	Mr Ric. Gillot	Mr Frysley	Mr Nores
Harry Gillot	Joh. Pymond	Joh. Edlyng	Tho. Browghton
Tho. Bassewell	Geff. Dey	Joh. Chamberleyn	Nic. Harrys
1501—2			
Mr Michell	Mr Waysse	Mr Reynold	Mr May
Will. Bartlot	Ric. Beston	Tho. Harvy	Rob. Bewpas
Bart. Lyon	Will. Webbe	Joh. Barton	Joh. Lokey
1502—3			
Mr Tho. Burton	Mr Ric. Gyllot	Mr Will. Gybson	Joh. Norys
Ric. Bell	Hen. Gyllot	Joh. Whatton	Hugo Tomson
Joh. Newman	Rob. Hasond	Ric. Louthe	Joh. Tesedale

Est quarter without ye gatte	*Est quarter within ye gatte*	*South quarter*	*North quarter*
1503—4			
Rob. Orton	Rob. Crofte	And. Langton	Wat. Mey
Hen. Gillot	Rob. Wall	Rob. Bolton	Will. Rybley
Will. Bartlot	Ric. Beston	Will. Fewkys	Will. Brown mercer
1504—5			
Will. Wigston, sen.	Ric. Gillot	Will. Gibson	Will. Wigston, jun.
Ric. Bell	Walt. Lisle	Tho. Harvy	Joh. Pymonds
Joh. Clement	Galf. Dey	Joh. Barton	Joh. Hawes
1505—6			
Will. Bartlot	Rog. Wigston	Ric. Lamberte	Joh. Wayse
Joh. Merten	Galf. Dey	Ric. Louthe	Will. Best
Hen. Gillot	Rob. Staple	Rob. Bolton	Joh. Bewpas
1506—7			
Ric. Beston	Ric. Gyllote	Will. Gybson	Tho. Smyth
Tho. Baswell	Will. Rabley	Tho. Harvy	Will. Burges
Ric. Beell	Joh. Pyman	Joh. Barton	Will. Brown
1507—8			
Ric. Reynold	Will. Wygeston,	Miles Lamberd	Joh. Welshe
Joh. Marteyn	Tho. Smyth [jun.	Ric. Morgayn	Will. Best
Rob. Staples	Rob. Wall	Joh. Chaumberleyn	Rog. Skynner
1508—9			
Mr Wayzs	Mr Burton	Mr Redde	Mr Smyth
Ric. Bell	Hen. Gillott	Ric. Lowthe	Will. Burges
Hen. Tomson	Geff. Day	Rob. Bolton	Will. Sharp

	Fish testers	*Meat testers*	*Leather testers*
1477—8	Tho. Whittow	Joh. Gouldeson	Tho. Henstoke
	Ric. Clement	Joh. Pyndder	Joh. Whittwell
	Laur. Cooke	Tho. Brougton	Joh. Crokok
			Rob. Bostok
1478—9	Tho. Hampton	Ric. Ardyngton	Will. Kendale
	Ric. Saxe	Will. Becher	Tho. Fosbroke
	Bart. Lyon	Joh. Wilson	Will. Elyot
	Will. Michill	Joh. Wynslow, junior	Joh. Bellers
1479—80	Tho. Whittowe	Tho. Broughton	Tho. Anstok
	Will. Mychell	Ric. Coke	Will. Raudeby
	Nic. Bacon	Joh. Wynslow, jun.	Joh. Leg
			Ewen Bawdewyn
1480—1	Joh. Whitwell	Joh. Pynder	Tho. Hawes
	Ric. Saxe	Will. Ryngold	Joh. Beaupes
	Will. Raudeby	Will. Elyot	Will. Moll

	Fish testers	*Meat testers*	*Leather testers*
1481—2	Ric. Clement	Tho. Broughton	Tho. Hawes
	Joh. Goulson	Tho. Cator	Joh. Beaupes
	Will. Pekeshall	Ric. Ardington	Will. Mole
			Joh. Bellers
1482—3	Tho. Cator	Will. Tyddeswell	Tho. Byschop
	Joh. Wilson	Joh. Wynslow	Tho. Fosbroke
	Ric. Ardington	Joh. Gouldson	Hugo Thomson
	Ric. Saxe	Ric. Randill	Joh. Bradgate[1]
1483—4	Will. Michell	Joh. Bellers	Tho. Broughton
	Ric. Randyll	Grisogon Spencer	Joh. Pynder
	Joh. Whitwell	Will. Raudeby	Tho. Burn
	Tho. Gresley	Will. Baker	Rad. Tebbe
1484—5	Will. Michell	Rob. Barker	Joh. Bellers
	Ric. Saxe	Will. Tyddeswell	Grisogon Spencer
	Bart. Lion	Joh. Whitwell	Will. Raudeby
	Tho. Grisby	Tho. Cator	Will. Mole
1485—7	Joh. Wilson	Tho. Broughton	Hugo Tomson
	Rob. Kele	Will. Wynselowe	Joh. Bradgate
	Bart. Lyon	Joh. Goulson	Tho. Bishop
	Rob. Wall	Hen. Gelot	Tho. Lucas
1487—8	Rob. Kele	Tho. Broughton	Joh. Bupas
	Will. Gyles	Will. Tydyswell	Gresagon Spenser
	Tho. Grysley	Ric. Martyncrofte	Will. Hayward
	Will. Burdet	Rob. Wall	Will. Rauby
1488—9	Tho. Catour	Rob. Medcalf	Hugh Tomson
	Rob. Kele	Will. Harryson, puterer	Joh. Bellers
	Joh. Pynder	Will. Stoke	Joh. Leg
1489—90	[omitted]		
1490—1	Walt. May	Tho. Broughton	Hugh Bosse
	Will. Sheringham	Will. Giles	Tho. Fosbroke
	Will. Michell	Joh. Pynder	Grysogon Spencer
1491—2	John Gouleson	Ric. Ardington	John Whitwell
	Bart. Lyon	Rob. Colyns	Hewe Tomson
	Rob. Kele	Will. Wynselowe	John Leg
1492—3	Will. Michell	Tho. Broughton	Joh. Crocoky
	Joh. Whitwoll	Joh. Pynder	Will. Hayward
	Hen. Gillot	Will. Gilez (jur')	Grisogon Spencer
	Joh. Kokear, junior	Joh. Wase (jur')	Rob. Bewpace
1493—4	Bart. Lyon	Rob. Colyns	Joh. Bellars
	Rob. Keyll	Rob. Metcalfe	How †Fecher†
	Joh. Pekyngton	Tho. Grysby	Tho. Bysshop
	Walt. May	Joh. Legg	Will. Molle

[1] Beer-testers, three for each quarter, are named for this year.

	Fish testers	*Meat testers*	*Leather testers*
1494—5	Will. Gyles	Joh. Pynder	How † Thomson †
	Ric. Ardyngton	Rob. Metcalfe	Joh. Nores
	Joh. Whatton	Rob. Colyns	How Basse
	Tho. Grenfeld	Joh. Gefferes	Joh. Pymande
1495—6	Joh. Chamberlen	Tho. Broughton	Joh. Bellers
	Tho. Grysby	Rob. Metcalfe	Hug. Fyssher
	Joh. Wase	Joh. Pynder	Rob. Jonson
			Will. Best
1496—7	Joh. Whictwell	Will. Molle	Rob. Colyns
	Joh. Whatton	Will. Best	Joh. Pynder
	Nic. Mason	Joh. Bupas	Will. Gyell
		Will. Plumer	
1497—8	Joh. Barton	Joh. Whatton	Hugh Tomson
	Rob. Wall	Rob. Metcalfe	John Legg
	Joh. Chamberlene	Will. Wynslowe	John Bellars
			Will. Sharpe
1498—9	Joh. Lokyer	Will. Rubley	Rob. Bewpas
	Walt. May	Rob. Coleyns	Rob. Bolton
	Bart. Lyons	Will. Wynslowe	Rob. Edward
			Tho. Baker
1499—1500	Bart. Lyons	Tho. Browghton	Rob. Bewpas
	Geff. Day	Hugh Garthesyde	Rob. Bolton
	Will. Rubley	Rob. Staples	Rob. Edward
	Nic. Mason	Joh. Pynder	Tho. Baker[1]
1500—1	Rawlen Giles	Bart. Lyon	Will. Best
	John Chamberleyn	Rob. Colyns	Will. Sharpe
	Rob. Molens	Rob. Metcalfe	Joh. Bellers
		Tho. Taillour	Joh. Thornton[1]
1501—2	Joh. Lokey	Tho. Broghton	Will. Copeland
	Ric. Bekingham	Joh. Pynder	Rob. Edward
	Nic. Heyne	Joh. Chamberleyn	Grysagon Spenser
		Rawlen Giles	Lawr. Dawson
1502—3	Joh. Chamberleyn	Rob. Colyns	Will. Best
	Galf. Dey	Rob. Metcalf	Rob. Bewpas
	Will. Rubley	Joh. Clement	Will. Plumer
			Joh. Bellers[2]
1503—4	Rob. Wall	Tho. Browghton	Will. Sherpe
	Joh. Whatton	Will. Rybley	Joh. Bewpas
	Will. Shawe	Rob. Staple	Rob. Edward
		Joh. Pynder	Joh. Thornton
1504—5	Galf. Dey	Rob. Metcalfe	Will. Best
	Will. Rubley	Rob. Colens	Laur. Dawson
	Nic. Heyne	Joh. Clement	Hugo Tomson
		Will. Gillot	Joh. Bellers

[1] A space left for Beer-testers.

[2] Against each name is written jur' (sworn).

	Fish testers	*Meat testers*	*Leather testers*
1505—6	Joh. Pymond	†Tho. Broughton‡	Rob. Edward
	Joh. Clement	Joh. Gilbert	Ric. Glocester
	Will. Maundeby	Hen. Gillot	Tho. Baker
		Joh. Merten	Grizagon Spenser
1506—7	Ric. Bekyngham	Rob. Collyns	Will. Sharpe
	Ealdus Dey	Ric. Lowthe	Joh. Bewpase
	Will. Rubley	Tho. Hewett	Will. Plomer
1507—8	Joh. Chamberleyn	Will. Wollaston	Will. Beste
	Ric. Lowth	Joh. Gylberd	Rob. Edward
	Rob. Staples	Joh. Fowler	Tho. Baker
		Tho. Baker	Joh. Thornton
1508—9	Will. Shawe	Rob. Metcalff	Will. Sharp
	Tho. Smyth	Ric. Broughton	Laur. Dawson
	Will. Robley	Raff. Burton	Joh. Bewpase
		Will. Fukes	Will. Ploumer[1]

Burgesses of Parliament[2].

1327, Sep. 15	Joh. fil. Henrici de Leycestria Joh. Geryn
1328, Feb. 7	Ric. Claver Joh. Leverich
1328, Ap. 24	Ric. Claver Joh. Geryn
1328, July 31	Rad. de Seccheville Rob. de Waltham
1329, Feb. 9	Joh. de Glen Will. de Petling
1330, Mar. 11	Joh. Leverich Tho. Daubeney
1330, Nov. 26	Ric. de Donington Will. Wareyn
1332, Mar. 16	Hen. Merlyn Ric. de Donington
1332, Sep. 9	Will. de Cloune Ric. Leverich
1333, Jan. 20	Joh. de Garthorp Joh. Leverich[3]
1334, Feb. 21	Ric. de Foxton Ric. le Clerk
1334, Sep. 19	Joh. Leverich Rob. de Foston
1336, Mar. 11	Joh. Leverich Joh. de Querndon[4]
1337, Mar. 3	Ric. de Donington Joh. Martin
1337, Sep. 26	The same
1338, Feb. 3	Ric. de Donington Ric. de Leicestria
1338, July 26	Ric. de Donington Joh. Turvey
1339[5], Feb. 3	Will. Leverich Ric. de Walcote

[1] Marked "jur."

[2] From the *Returns of Members of Parliament*, with additions from the Records. Some small emendations in spelling have been made in accordance with the Leicester Records.

[3] John Leverich was at the York parliament 1332, Dec. 2–11. See *Records*, p. 11.

[4] Alias Hodinges, senior, see *Records*, p. 26.

[5] The returns for the parliament of Feb. 3, 1339, are missing. The *Records* supply the names.

1339, Oct. 13	Will. Waryn Tho. fil. Rob. le Clerk
1340, Mar. 29	Ric. de Walcote Will. Brid
1341, Ap. 23	Joh. le Clerk[1] Will. de Donington
1341, June 7	Ric. de Beby Will. Brid
1346, Sep. 11	Will. de Dunstaple Ric. de Walcote
1348, Jan. 14	Ric. de Beby Alan de Sutton
1348, Mar. 31	Joh. Receyveur Will. de Wakefield
1351, Feb. 9	Will. de Dunstaple Tho. de Beby
1353[2], Sep. 23	Joh. Martin Joh. de Hodynges
1354, Ap. 28	Joh. Martyn Joh. de Hodinges
1355, Nov. 23	Will. de Dunstaple Tho. de Beby
1358, Feb. 5	Tho. del Grove Joh. de Petling
1360, May 15	Tho. de Beby Rog. de Belgrave
1361, Jan. 24	Rog. de Knightcote Tho. de Beby
1362, Oct. 13	Ric. de Knighton Will. de Burton
1363, Oct. 6	Joh. de Peterburgh Rog. de Kilby
1366, May 4	Will. Tabbe Joh. de Stafford
1368, May 1	Walt. Lyndrich Rog. de Belgrave
1369, June 3	Will. de Burton[3] Will. Attegreen
1371, Feb. 24	Will. Taillard Ric. de Knighton
1371, June 8	Will. Taillard
1372, Nov. 3	Will. of the Grene Rog. de Beby
1373, Nov. 21	Joh. de Peteresburgh Joh. de Stafford
1376, Ap. 28	Hen. de Petling Hen. de Clipston
1377, Jan. 27	Rog. de Belgrave Rob. Hornyngelow
1378, Oct. 20	Will. Humberston Will. de Thornton
1380, Jan. 16	Joh. Chapman And. Glasenwright
1380, Nov. 5	Joh. de Stafford Will. Ferrour
1381, Nov. 3	Ric. de Knighton Hen. de Clipston
1382, Oct. 6	Hen. Aissheby Will. o'the Green
1383, Feb. 23	Joh. Peterburgh Joh. S...ton
1383, Oct. 26	Rog. Belgrave Ric. Braunston
1384, Ap. 29	Joh. Stafford Tho. Wakefield
1384, Nov. 12	Galf. Clerk Joh. Fode
1388, Feb. 3	Galf. de Okeham[4] Will. de Moreton
1388, Sep. 2	Joh. fil. Joh. Cook Galf. Clerk
1390, Jan. 17	Galf. [Clerk] .....
1391, Nov. 3	Galf. Okeham Hen. Beby
1393, Jan. 20	Tho. Wakefield Joh. Houghton
1394, Jan. 27	[Hen.] Beby Galf. [Clerk]
1395, Jan. 27	Hen. Beby Rob. Swillington
1397, Jan. 22	Tho. Wakefield Rog. Humberston
1397, Sep. 17	Tho. Baily Ric. Faulkener
1399, Oct. 6	Will. Bispham Joh. Chyrche

[1] Alias Joh. de Stafford, p. 48.
[2] The return for Sep. 23, 1353, is lost, but the *Records*, p. 80, supply the names.
[3] ?Boston, see *Records*, p. 144.
[4] Alias Galf. Clerk.

1401, Jan. 20	Joh. London Pet. Clerk
1406, Mar. 1	Joh. Donington Rog. Goldsmyth
1407, Oct. 20	Tho. Denton Joh. Tongge
1410, Jan. 27	Joh. Chyrche Rob. Evington
1411, Nov. 3	Rad. Humberston Rob. Evington
1413, May 14	Joh. Chirche Joh. Howet
1414, Ap. 30	Tho. Denton Rad. Brasier
1414, Nov. 19	Hen Forster Rob. Evington
1419, Oct. 16	Hen. Forster Rad. Brasier
1420, Dec. 2	Joh. Chyrche Joh. Pykwell
1421, May 2	Joh. Chyrche Rad. Brasier
1421, Dec. 1	Hen. Forster Joh. Nyghtyngale
1422, Nov. 9	Joh. Hewet Hen. Walter
1423, Oct. 20	Joh. Churche Rad. Brasyer
1425, Ap. 30	Tho. Waldegrave Joh. Loughtburgh
1426, Feb. 18	Rad. Brasier Tho. Waldegrave
1427, Oct. 13	Joh. Chyrche Will. Newby
1429, Sep. 22	Will. Newby Joh. Reynold
1431, Jan. 12	Joh. Pykwell Adam Racy
1432, May 12	Rad. Brasier Tho. Charite
1433, July 8	Will. Pacy Joh. Lougheburgh
1435, Oct. 10	Joh. Chyrche Walt. Pomeray
1437, Jan. 21	Joh. Reynolds Tho. Hewet
1442, Jan. 25	Tho. Burton Will. Newby
1447, Feb. 10	Tho. Burton Adam Racy
1449, Feb. 12	Will. Newby Will. Stringer
1449, Nov. 6	Will. Grantham Adam Racy
1450, Nov. 6	Rad. Fissher Tho. Grene
1453, Mar. 6	Will. Wymondeswolde Will. Clerk
1455, July 9	Tho. Dalton, jun. Will. Wyggeston
1459, Nov. 20	Tho. Grene Rob. Shillingham
1467, June 3	Rob. Sherringham Joh. Roberdes
1472, Oct. 6	Rog. Wyggeston Joh. Roberdes
1478, Jan. 16	Pet. Curteys Joh. Wygeston

The returns for the subsequent years are supplied from the Leicester Records, being absent from the Returns.

1484, Jan. 23	Joh. Roberdes Pet. Curteys
1489, Jan. 13	Pet. Curteys Rog. Wigston
1491, Oct. 17	Pet. Curteys Rob. Croft
1495, Oct. 14	Pet. Curtey Tho. Davy
1504, Jan. 26	Will. Wigston Rob. Orton

Merchant Gild Entries.

V.B. No. 93. [1465-6.] In tempore Rogeri Wygston anno Edwardi IIII^ti v^to, Will. Barton, capper, Laur. Cruse, draper, Joh. Shalford, barbor, Tho. Jacson, draper, Rob. Acysby, Ric. Andrew, chapman, Joh. Rows, plummer, Will. Proctour, Rob. Edwardes, Ric. Ormesey, weuer, Tho. Bell, wright, Tho. Andrew, weuer, Will. Harberd, nil quia primus filius, Joh. Ley, wever, Will. Colynson, weeuer, Tho. Gylys, junior, Tho. Chaundeler, bocher, Tho. Wynslow, bocher, Magister Will. Gybson, Will. Prat, pewterier.

V.B. No. 94. [1466–7.] In tempore Johannis Frisley, a.r.r. vi^o, Joh. Lynby of (blank), Ric. Walpole, weuer, Joh. Bothe, husbondman in foro Sabbati, Joh. Olderude, barker, nil, Herry Chelmerton, taylour, Will. Cook, wright, Clement Smyth, Haw Fissher, barker, Joh. Thomson, baker, Rog. Palmer, baker, nil quia[1] (blank), Joh. Bellers, barker, Will. Couper, Tho. Makeres, Will. Chaundeler, Joh. Person, Rob. Stratford alias Rawle.

V.B. No. 91. [1467–8.] In tempore Ricardi Gillot, Joh. Kilby, Tho. Cooke, Joh. Leche, cook, Christofer Machyn, corueser, Will. Frisley al Lodesinton, Tho. Eueney, Arnold Pene, baker, Joh. Tomson, corueser, Will. Fyer, fissher, Tho. Eveham, spicer, Nic. Flemyng, spicer, Rob. Pekeryng, baker, Symon Broke, nihil quia perdonatur per maiorem et fratres ac communitatem ville Leycestrie, Will. Broune, grocer, Pet. Skynner, Martin Marfelde alias Colyns.

In tempore Ricardi Yates, Ric. Crewartell, baker, Will. Salt, draper, Tho. Hunt, glouer, Ric. Bell, sawer, Ric. Martyncroffte, Tho. Bewpes, Perkyn Lathum, Wyll. Schale, Joh. Ahswell[2], nil quia primus filius patris, Tho. Rawlyns alias Sclater, Joh. Grocok, coruiser, Joh. Pykerell, pardoner, Tho. Mansele, coke, Tho. Fermor, Joh. Pakyngton.

V.B. No. 88. [1469–70.] In tempore Johannis Wygston isti subscripti intrauerunt in Gildam mercatorum. Joh. Lemyngton, Will. Burdet, draper, Joh. Reynold, nil quia primus filius, Will. Dalton nil (etc.), Rog. Waudell, Joh. Ball, laburer, Joh. Dane, husbondman, Ric. Dunton, taylur, Tho. Hawthorn, draper, Rob. Bostock, coruiser, Rog. Tryg, glouer, Joh. Wyndluffe, mercer, Will. Rowlott, nil quia etc., Rob. Stevens, draper, Tho. Wygston.

V. B. No. 86. [1473—4.] In tempore Roberti Rawlot. John Goldson, yoman, Tho. Hampton, yoman, Rad. Gyles, chaundeler, Will. Wynslow, bocher, Joh. Wattys, husbandman, Joh. Lokkey, chaundeler, Joh. Andrew, corueser, Will. Smyth, fyssher, Joh. Barbour, hosyer, Tho. Wylde, wryght, Joh. Harrys, weuer, Joh. Thurwall, weuer, Will. Symson, milner, Carol. Hough, taylour, Joh. Plasterer, Nic. Mason, mercer, Will. Strete, ironmonger, Joh. Dawson, weuer, Tho. Mores, baker, Rad. Brindeston, acquietatus per patrem, Hugo Tomkynson, Nic. Harrys, Joh. Legge, corueser, Rob. Sapcot, draper, Joh. Monk, Ric. Newton, sharman, acquietatus per patrem, Tho. Dyconson, draper.

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[1] Probably eldest son.

[2] ? for Ashwell.

V. B. No. 82. [1474—5.] Tempore Johannis Roberdes. Will Medburne, Will. Robynson, Tho. Hose, Nic. Stanley, Will. Molle, Edw. Shemell, Joh. Couper without the Northyate, Joh. Smythe, pattemakere, Tho. Cook in Belgrauegate, Rob. Andrewe, Ric. Wode, Joh. Daryk, Rob. Barker, bocher, Will. Mordecroft de Lowesby, Rad. Tysson, Joh. Ryngold, Tho. Godesun, nil, Will. Assheley, Tho. Burges de Quenyburgh, Will. Suggeden, Grisegonus Spencer, Ric. Byrde, Ric. Chimney, nil quia primus filius.

V. B. No. 84. [1475—6.] Tempore Willelmi Holbech a. r. r. Edwardi quarti post conquestum quinto decimo. Tho. Archer, pardonner, Joh. Roberdes de Couentre, dexter, Will. Eyton, laburrer, Rad. Brome, fyscher, Tho. Halyday, pewterer, Ric. Stalalaunde, Joh. Schawe, Tho. Turner, taylur, Joh. Berton, grocer, Joh. Stanley, carpenter, Nic. Fyssche, coreer, Joh. Sare, coreer, Tho. Zallyn de Couentre, dexter, Tho. How, draper, Will. Coke, scharman, nil quia primus filius, Joh. Parker, corueser, nil quia primus filius, Joh. Pene, pardonner, Bartylmew Percy, mercer, Hen. Alsope, taylur, Rob. Herde, waterman, Randyl Sweetenam, taylur, Joh. Mason, barber, Tho. Broughton, bocher, Joh. Roo, taylur, Will. Blakewell, sclater, Joh. Dauy, wryȝte, Rob. Grene, sadler, Rob. Jodde, yoman, Joh. Roberdes, furberer, Will. Wryȝte, husbondman, Joh. Smyth, baker, Hen. Rychardeson[1], Joh. Whatton, bakere, Ric. Preston, gentylman, Will. Goulde, gentylman.

V. B. No. 82. [1476—7.] Tempore Petri Wynwode. Will. Knyȝte, glaceer, Rog. Dere, pewterer, Joh. Meykel, taylour, Rob. Peers, pardunnar, Tho. Herborough, berber, Ric. Ravyn, chapman, Joh. Martin, mercer, Rob. Mellsambe, laburrer, Joh. Wyllemote, grocer, nil quia primus filius, Will. Copelonde, barker, Rob. Tailour, husbondeman, Will. Berton, baker.

[From the Hall Book.] 1477—8. Joh. Gylberd, bocher, Tho. Roberdes, draper, Yewyn Bawdwen, barker, Will. Rawlyn, dexter, Tho. Leye, fuller, Joh. Newman, glover, Joh. Bate, carpenter, Tho. Villers, gentilman, Tho. Gyllot, grocer.

1478—9. Walt. Maii, grocer, Ric. Brokes, mercer, Tho. Gentt, mylner, Tho. Clyston, barker, Tho. Walton, taylour, Tho. Godfrey, chapman, †Galf. Festo, wever‡, Joh. Sawford jun., wever, Ric. Berton, laborer, Hen. Bentley, grocer, Rog. Okeley, walker.

1479—1480. Hen. Gelet, ironmonger, Ric. Grasier, Wault. Lyle, Rob. Kele, fisher, Joh. Sanselbe, barbour, Tho. Hopson, barbour, Joh. Shalford, barbour, Rob. Waldegrave, Will. Melbourne, Joh. Smyth, plummer, Joh. Loper, milner, Will. Bartilot, baker, Joh. Bates, baker, Will. Wiggeston, fil. Rogeri Wiggeston, Galf. Bate, barbour, Rob. Knolles, sadler.

1480—1. Will. Bekerton, patenmaker, Joh. Clerc, bower, Joh. Mores, milner, Joh. Ashby, Will. Rot, irnemonger, Rob. Bolton, shomaker, Will. Ferers, smyth, Joh. Ireland, Rob. Beaupes, barker, Joh. Hawes, wever, Ric. Gillot, grocer, Rob. Molenx, taillour, Alex. Atkynson, capellanus, Tho. Gamull, tyler, Hen. Parkyns, husbandeman.

1481—2. Pet. Curtes, gentilman, Will. Hygyns, marchaunt, Ric. Wod, hosyer, Joh. Serleson, fuller, Joh. Clough, hosyer, Rob. Grandeby, irnemonger, Will. Meyre, potter, Hen. Howman, harper, Joh. Say, baker, Rog. Tyler, shomaker, Will. Purves, taillour, And. Langeton, Tho. Beeston, barker, Joh. Cley, barker, fil. Johannis Cley, primogenitus filius patris.

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[1] Trade illegible.

1482—3. Joh. Roberds filius Joh. Roberds armigeri, Will. Harryson, puterer, Ric. Bell, grocer, Tho. Baker, barker, Joh. Dorman, irnemonger, Joh. Stele, husbandman, Ric. Blount, husbandman, Carulus de Brasy, soiour[1], Tho. Tyngull, gent., Tho. Lech, sadler, Will. Smyth, grasier, Tho. White, wright, Herry Dawson, yoman, Joh. Whitechank, hosteler.

1483—4. Rob. Orton, gent., Rob. ȝates, Herry Fox, Nic. Epon, Ric. Philip, smyth, Joh. Gamull, shomaker, Tho. Moton, pardoner, Will. Castelton, baker, Joh. Clement, grocer, Peres At Legh, yoman, Tho. Somer, bochier, Joh. Hervy, yoman, Tho. Bampton, glover, Ric. Wetton.

1484—5.
1485—6. } Omitted.
1486—7.

1487—8. Tho. Howet, merser, Rob. Pryston, meser, Tho. Taylor, merser, Rob. Pryour, wever, Joh. Nicolson, carpenter, Edw. Ledyrland, merser, Joh. Senyor, wever, Joh. Warlay, spuryour, Tho. Key, taylour, Joh. Hatter, hosbandman, Will. Brown, wever, Tho. Denton, bercar, Joh. Baselyon, baker, Alex. Standich, glover, Joh. Reynalde, sadler, Tho. Segrave, plasterer, Will. Stek, bocher, Rob. Collyar, bocher, Will. Bardall, sclater, John Percar, pardoner, John Lane.

1488—9 omitted.

1489—90. Christopher Baxstenden, taillour, Will. Clerk, plummer, John Ingby, pardoner, Rob. Bonyfaunt, draper, John Martyn, taillour, Rob. Langthorn, taillour, Tho. Hopkynson, tyler, Will. Jorden, hosyer, Joh. Lane, baker, Rob. Stable, fletcher, Will. Bramley, wever, Rogier Coke, wever, Tho. Burges, hosyer, Joh. Fowler, glover, Tho. Harryson, mercer, Will. Henstok, barker.

1490—1. Rad. Dalton, mercator, Ric. Reynold, mercator, Will. Bland, smyth, Joh. Coke, sherman, Will. Porter, puterer, Rob. Hampson, taillour, Hen. Reynold, sadler, Rog. Persall, taillour, Tho. Todgyll, shomaker, Joh. Baker, shomaker, Will. Fewkes, baker, Joh. Jakson, smyth, Rob. Gregory, mercer, Tho. Stephens, baker, Rad. Colvyle, hosyer, Joh. Johnson, shomaker, Joh. Sharp, wever, Tho. Sare, smyth, Ric. Harrys, patenmaker, Tho. Foster, husbandman, Tho. Myton, mercer, Rog. Faux, fisher.

1491—2. Rob. Lambert de Neueton, barker, Joh. Wale, fuller, Ric. Beeston, draper, Nic. Tomson, dexster, Tho. Chiltron, baker, Joh. Philip, carpenter, Tho. Coton, mercer, Ric. Roger, elyman, Ric. Cat, elyman, Joh. Rose, draper, Rob. Hatter, sadler, Tho. Rode, draper, Christof. Parker, gent., Tho. Patryk, cartewright, Will. Web, wyntyner.

1492—3. Laur. Hedle, tailor, Joh. Chambrelain, fishmonger, Tho. Maydewell, barbour, Tho. Rawboon, joynour, Tho. Frend, bower, – Lowth, goldesmyth, Hen. Palet, draper, Joh. Massy, puterer, Joh. Huntston, mercer, Joh. Burn, mercer, Joh. Barton, husbandman.

1493—4 omitted.

1494—5. Will. Sherpe, Joh. Gawtte, Rob. Denton of Tamworthe, Rob. Edward, shomaker, Rog. Brown, Nyc. Penyton, Rog. Browne, Nyc. Swanne, Will. Brette, Ric. Ayre, Joh. Persall, shomaker, Will. Wygston.

1495—6. Joh. Traforth, Will. Clerk, Ric. Smyth, corvesur, Tho. Melborn, slatter, Ric. Oliott, barbur, Tho. Grenfelde, †fecher†, Elles Syrlle, taylor, Tho. Wylson, chaundeler, Ric. Pare, mercer, Joh. Dykson, husbondman, Hen. Thomson, roper, Joh. Tucke, tayler, Will. Shrewesbury, Joh. Benchekyn.

[1] Soldier.

1496—7. Ric. Curtes de Ausseley, Alex. Clerk, tanner, Joh. Bouxfeld, tanner, Rob. Crosbe, sklatter, Tho. Wyman, mylner.

1497—8. Joh. Thorneton, barker, Joh. Rawlott, Rauffe Rowlatt, Edw. Benett, sherman, Tho. Daveryll, yoman, Joh. Sherpyll, ynkeper, Rad. Vaysy, baker, Rob. Morrell, waterman, Joh. Keylle, fysher, Joh. Dalton, marchant of ye staple of Calys, Ric. Parborne, vintener, Will. Gillot, marcaunt, Tho. Colvell, draper, he to pay 4*s.* 4*d.* every yere to ye sum of 10*s.* be content, Ric. Chevall, irnemonger, Ric. Marriott, tailour, Rog. Fell, sargiaunt.

1498—9. Joh. Riley, tanner, Will. Burges, wryght, Tho. Smythe, cowper, Joh. Vincent, husbondman, Will. Jacson, sclatter, Joh. Westoes, sclatter, Hughe Elys, patenmaker, Edw. Litell, skynner, Will. Grene, franklinus, Ambrocius Rawlenson, baker, Hughe Garthesyde, tailour, John Harforthe, flet[c]her, Joh. Thomson, bakar, Joh. Malyn, glazier, Joh. Whitte, irnemonger, Joh. Bole, mercer.

1499—1500. Edw. Smythe de Weloby Waterles, Rob. Cawthorne, draper, Joh. Assheby, gent., Joh. Mey, cappar, Edw. Chamberleyn, mercer, Rad. Garthsyde, hosier, Tho. Westmoreland, glover, Will. Bailly, servaunt to my lord Hastinges, Ric. Harforthe, bower, Edw. Jacson, sporier, Nic. Hayne, fyshemonger.

1500—1. Tho. Taylour, yoman, Joh. Brown, carpenter, Laur. Grevys, taylour, Joh. Sharpe, taylour, per patrem suum, Joh. Bell, bocher, Joh. Tesdale de Loughborow quia est primus filius patris sui, Rob. Barley de Coventre, dier, Will. Richardson de Coventre, dier, Joh. Screven de Selby, sherman, quia est primus filius patris sui Radulphi Sherman de Leycestre, Will. Pratt, pultrer, quia est etc., Will. Mellers, bellheyterar[1], Tho. Newton, marchaunt of the staple at Calise, Geo. Lambert, glover, Ric. Sothrenwood, quia est etc., Joh. Colyn de Coventre, dier, †Ric. Margayne de hospicio† domini de Hastynges, yoman, he to pay 5*s.* (etc.), Tho. Burton, mercer, Will. Waren, cardmaker, Joh. Holmes, sklatter.

1501—2. Joh. Gillam, yoman, Tho. Meyr, kardmaker, Will. Reynolde, sumnar, Tho. Salysbury, merchaunt, Will. Maddey, sargiaunt, Tho. Cressey, glover, Rob. Rowsse, draper.

1502—3. Harry Hawkysley, yoman, Rog. Heynsworthe, Ric. Maundby, fysher, Tho. Walker, wever, Tho. Granger, wever, Ric. Gill, sherman, Tho. Borell, wever, Tho. Wilson, wever, Harry Tomson, plege to Maister Mair, Lawr. Dawson, shomaker, Tho. Story, corveser, Tho. Pymond, sadler, Tho. Spenser, cooke, Joh. Tryg, soluit nichill quia est primus filius Magistri Rogeri Tryg patris sui, Tho. Coplande soluit nichill quia etc., Tho. Jacson, sklatter, Ric. Peete, yoman, Will. Brown de hospicio domini †le† Hastynges, Nic. Wasse, glover.

1503—4. Tho. Parkyn, baker, Tho. Hygyns, yoman, Will. Charleton, sclater, Rob. Harwar, Joh. Heryng, mason, Oliver Lychefeld, marchaunt de le Staple de Calise, Will. Webster de Syeston, bocher, Hen. Mosse, yoman, Rob. Somer, patenmaker, Tho. Mome, ynneholder, Hen. Clare, pewtrer, Will. Metcalf, shomaker, Ric. Morgane seruus domini Hastynges, Will. Bayne, fysshmonger.

1504—5. Oliver Chobeson de Melton Mowbre, Joh. Myddleton de Leicestre chaundler, Ric. Gregg, yoman, Ric. Burley, smythe, Rob. Wayne, mylner, Joh. Bosseworthe, carpenter, Rob. White, carpenter, Nic. Gower, tailour, Joh. Bonyvant, primus filius etc., Joh. Brown, coke, Tho. Ippon, broker, Joh. Reed, servus domini Hastinges, Joh. Barwell, baker, Will. Westoes, sclatter, Ric. Curson, servient' maiori, Joh. None, barker.

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[1] bellȝeter.

1505—6. Tho. Smythe, draper, Ric. Bonyngton, wever, Joh. Hawden, mercer, Will. Sheringham, nihil quia etc., Ric. Sneth, Will. Taillour.

1506—7. Rob. Foster, lauborer, Will. Wright, Rob. Gilbert, bocher, nihil quia etc., Tho. Smythe de hospicio domini de Hastinges, yoman, Christof. Clough, peynter, juratus in domo maioris in festo S. Margarete, Edm. Smythe, yoman, Ric. Broughton, bocher.

1507—8. Will. Jackeson de Leycestre, smyth, Joh. Berege de eadem, fishemonker, Tho. Grene[1], hosbondman, Will. Tobbe, baker, Tho. Roleston, baker, Nic. Bentham, sklater, Rob. Gaddisby, primus filius etc. nihil.

1508—9. Tho. Waylles de Leycestre, milner, Edw. Beyes jun.[2], mercer, Galf. Tomlynson, saddeler, Tho. Newcom, yoman, Tho. Lacy, boyer, Rob. Brodon, carpenter, Joh. Norres, bocher, Mic. Eskeryg, saddeler.

1509—10. Ric. Tysdale[3], taillour, Tho. Bolton, secundus filius Rob. Bolton, 5*s.*, Ric. Wodwar, wever, Rolond Kichen, wever, Joh. Heyll, shomaker, Mat. Reynford, draper, Rob. Bulkeby, baker, Oliver Molit, tanner, Joh. Smyth, tanner, Jac. Olyff, yoman.

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[1] "De eadem" after each name except the last.

[2] "De Leycestre" after each name.

[3] All of Leicester.

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